

I was doing (Past Continuous)

4 o'clock



now (6 o'clock)



It is 6 o'clock now.

Paul **is** at home.

He **is watching** TV.

At 4 o'clock he **wasn't** at home.

He **was** at the sports club.

He **was swimming** in the pool.

He **wasn't watching** TV.

3.30

he started
swimming



4.00

he **was swimming**



4.15

he finished
swimming



was/were + -ing is the *past continuous*:

positive

I he she it	was	doing watching playing swimming living etc.
we you they	were	

negative

I he she it	was not (wasn't)	doing watching playing swimming living etc.
we you they	were not (weren't)	

question

was	I he she it	doing? watching? playing? swimming? living? etc.
were	we you they	

- ☐ What **were** you **doing** at 11.30 yesterday? **Were** you **working**?
- ☐ 'What did he say?' 'I don't know. I **wasn't listening**.'
- ☐ It **was raining**, so we didn't go out.
- ☐ In 2009 we **were living** in Canada.
- ☐ Today she's wearing a skirt, but yesterday she **was wearing** trousers.
- ☐ I woke up early yesterday. It was a beautiful morning. The sun **was shining** and the birds **were singing**.

Spelling (live → **living** / run → **running** / lie → **lying** etc.) → **Appendix 5**

am/is/are + -ing (*present*) → **was/were + -ing** (*past*):






present

- ☐ I'm **working** (now).
- ☐ It **isn't raining** (now).
- ☐ What **are** you **doing** (now)?

past

- ☐ I **was working** at 10.30 last night.
- ☐ It **wasn't raining** when we went out.
- ☐ What **were** you **doing** at 3 o'clock?

1. Look at the pictures. Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon? Write two sentences.

				
RACHEL	JACK KATE	TOM	TRACEY	MR AND MRS HALL
at home	at the cinema	in his car	at the station	in the park
watch TV	watch a film	drive	wait for a train	walk

- 1 Rachel was at home. She was watching TV.
- 2 Jack and Kate . They
- 3 Tom
- 4
- 5
- 6 And you? I

2. Sarah did a lot of thing yesterday morning. Look at pictures and complete the sentences.

7.10 – 7.25  breakfast	7.30 – 8.10 	8.30 – 9.00 
9.20 – 10.00 	10.15 – 11.45 	12.00 – 12.45 

1 At 8.45 *she was washing her car.*

2 At 10.45 she

3 At 8 o'clock

4 At 12.10

5 At 7.15

6 At 9.30

Complete the questions. Use **was/were -ing**. Use **what/where/why** if necessary.

- 1 (you/live) *Where were you living* in 2012?
- 2 (you/do) at 2 o'clock?
- 3 (it/rain) when you got up?
- 4 (Sue/drive) so fast?
- 5 (Tom/wear) a suit yesterday?

In London.
I was asleep.
No, it was sunny.
Because she was late.
No, a T-shirt and jeans.

Look at the picture. You saw Joe in the street yesterday afternoon.
What was he doing? Write positive or negative sentences.



- 1 (wear / a jacket) *He wasn't wearing a jacket.*
- 2 (carry / a bag)
- 3 (go / to the dentist)
- 4 (eat / an ice cream)
- 5 (carry / an umbrella)
- 6 (go / home)
- 7 (wear / a hat)
- 8 (ride / a bicycle)

Home task

- SB p.89 ex.7