

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

4.00

4.15

he started swimming

he **was swimming**

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 watch TV	at the cinema watch a film	in his car drive	at the station wait for a train	in the park 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