The Past Continuous (Progressive) Tense

Прошедшее продолженное время

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• для описания действия, которое происходило в прошлом и которое было прервано другим действием. Past Continuous употребляется для описания действия в развитии/процессе (длительное действие), а Past Simple - для описания действия, которое прервало его (краткое действие) They were playing football when their mother

called them. – Они играли футбол, когда мама позвала их.



 для описания двух или более действий, происходивших в одно и то же время в прошлом (одновременные действия).

He was reading while his brother was watching TV. - Он читал пока его брат смотрел телевизор.



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At six o'clock last night I was talking on the telephone. - В 6 часов вечера вчера я разговаривал по телеф ону.



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Yesterday from six till 7 I <mark>was talking</mark> on the telephone. – Вчера с 6 до 7 я разговаривал по телеф ону.



 Для описания атмосферы, обстановки, и т.п., а также во вступлении к рассказу.

The birds were singing and the sun was shining. I was sitting outside in the garden when something strange happened...



Примечание:

• Когда в предложении есть две формы Past Continuous, относящиеся к одному подлежащему, во избежание повторения глагол to be во втором случае опускается и употребляется лишь причастие настоящего времени с -ing. He was walking along, and he was talking on his mobile phone. = He was walking along (and) talking on his mobile phone.



Указатели времени (сигналы), употребляемые с Past Continuous :

 While (пока), when (когда), as, all morning/day/week (все утро/весь день/всю неделю), yesterday at 8 o'clock am (в 8 часов утра), yesterday at this time





Утвердительная форма: I (he, she, it) was reading You (we, they) were reading





I (he, she, it) was not (wasn't) reading You (we, they) were not (weren't) reading



Образование вопросов в Past Continuous

I was talking on the phone at 60'clock yesterday evening.

1.Общий вопрос Was I talking on the phone at 6o'clock yesterday evening?





Вопросительная форма:

Was I (he, she, it) reading? Yes, I (he, she, it) was. No, I (he, she it) wasn't. Were you (we, they) reading? Yes, you (we, they) were. No, you (we, they) weren't.



Упражнение 1. Прочитайте текст, переведите письменно. Подчеркните глаголы в форме Past Continuous

At 7 o'clock the match started on TV, so Dad was still watching it at 7.30. Mum was sitting in the kitchen. She was quietly reading a woman's magazine. Rosie was trying on her Mum's clothes in her room. Nick's cousins were listening to rock music. It was very loud so they didn't hear the crash. At 7.30 the dogs were lying in front of the fire and they were sleeping. Nick went into the garden with his friend to play football. So at 7.30 he was still there.



Упражнение 2. Раскройте скобки, поставив глаголы в форму Past Continuous.

- 1. While I WAS COPYING the exercise, my friends WERE DESCRIBING a picture.
- 2. When we came in, the children _____ (to clean) their desks.
- 3. We met her at the bus stop. She _____ (to wait) for the bus.
- Some of the children _____ (to ski) while other children _____ (to skate). Everybody _____ (to have) a lot of fun.
- 5. When we came the family WAS GETTING everything ready for Christmas. Bob and Helen _____ (to decorate) the Christmas tree.
- 6. The girls _____ (to feed) the birds in the garden while the boys _____ (to make) a bird-house.

