

Past Continuous

1 Write the verb in the Past Continuous.

- 1 At nine this morning I was driving (drive) to work.
- 2 My parents were sitting (sit) in the garden all afternoon.
- 3 She was talking (talk) to a client, so I waited.
- 4 We were having (have) breakfast at seven.
- 5 The baby was crying (cry) all night.
- 6 You were smiling (smile) in every photo from the trip.
- 7 My boss was standing (stand) by the window when I came in.
- 8 It was snowing (snow) when we landed in Denver.
- 9 The kids were running (run) around the backyard.
- 10 I was looking (look) for a parking spot for twenty minutes.

2 Complete the negative sentences and questions.

- 1 I wasn't listening (not / listen), sorry. Can you say that again?
- 2 They weren't working (not / work) on Friday. The office was closed.
- 3 She wasn't wearing (not / wear) a coat, so she was freezing.
- 4 We weren't expecting (not / expect) so many guests.
- 5 Were you sleeping (sleep) when I texted you?
- 6 Was he driving (drive) too fast?
- 7 Where were you going (go) when I saw you downtown?
- 8 Who was she talking (talk) to on the phone?

3 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 I was making coffee when my phone rang / was ringing / rings
- 2 We _____ through the park when it started to rain.
walked / were walking / was walking
- 3 _____ I was waiting in line, I read the news.
While / When / During
- 4 She cut her finger while she _____ vegetables.
chopped / is chopping / was chopping
- 5 The lights went out _____ we were having dinner. while / during / for

3 Circle the correct answer.

- 6 My husband _____ when I got home, so I didn't wake him up.
slept / was sleeping / were sleeping
- 7 What _____ when the accident happened?
did you do / were you doing / you were doing
- 8 I _____ my keys while I was jogging.
dropped / was dropping / were dropping

4 Choose the correct sentence.

- 1 a) We was watching a movie.
b) We were watching a movie.
c) We were watch a movie.
- 2 a) Was it raining this morning?
b) Did it raining this morning?
c) Was it rain this morning?
- 3 a) I didn't working yesterday at noon.
b) I wasn't work yesterday at noon.
c) I wasn't working yesterday at noon.
- 4 a) They were arguing when I walked in.
b) They arguing when I walked in.
c) They was arguing when I walked in.
- 5 a) What you were doing at six?
b) What were you doing at six?
c) What did you doing at six?
- 6 a) While I cooked, the doorbell was ringing.
b) While I was cook, the doorbell rang.
c) While I was cooking, the doorbell rang.

5 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- 1 arrived / when / working / package / from / the / was / home / I / .

I was working from home when the package arrived.

- 2 at / party / were / talking / to / the / who / you / ?

Who were you talking to at the party?

- 3 hard / it / was / raining / last / night / .

It was raining hard last night.

- 4 boss / my / I / when / listening / wasn't / it / explained / .

I wasn't listening when my boss explained it.

- 5 kids / I / back / were / got / homework / doing / the / when / .

The kids were doing homework when I got back.

- 6 were / work / eight / at / to / you / driving / ?

Were you driving to work at eight?

5 Put the words in order to make sentences.

7 dog / I / was / I / the / walking / met / neighbor / while / my / .

I met my neighbor while I was walking the dog.

6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 My kids was playing outside all day.

My kids were playing outside all day.

2 She was wait for the bus in the rain.

She was waiting for the bus in the rain.

3 Were he working late last night?

Was he working late last night?

4 We wasn't paying attention to the time.

We weren't paying attention to the time.

5 It were snowing when we left the house.

It was snowing when we left the house.

6 Where was you going so early this morning?

Where were you going so early this morning?

7 They were siting in the lobby when I arrived.

They were sitting in the lobby when I arrived.

8 What did you doing at ten last night?

What were you doing at ten last night?

YOUR LIFE

7 Write about what you were doing yesterday.

AT 8 A.M. I WAS...

WHEN ... , I WAS...

Answers will vary.