

Past continuous.

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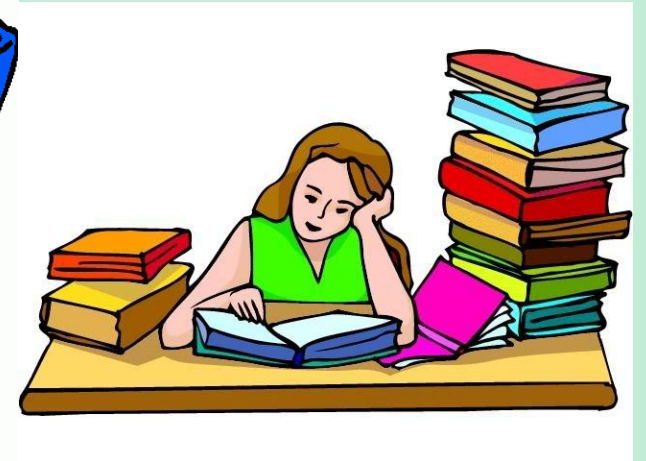
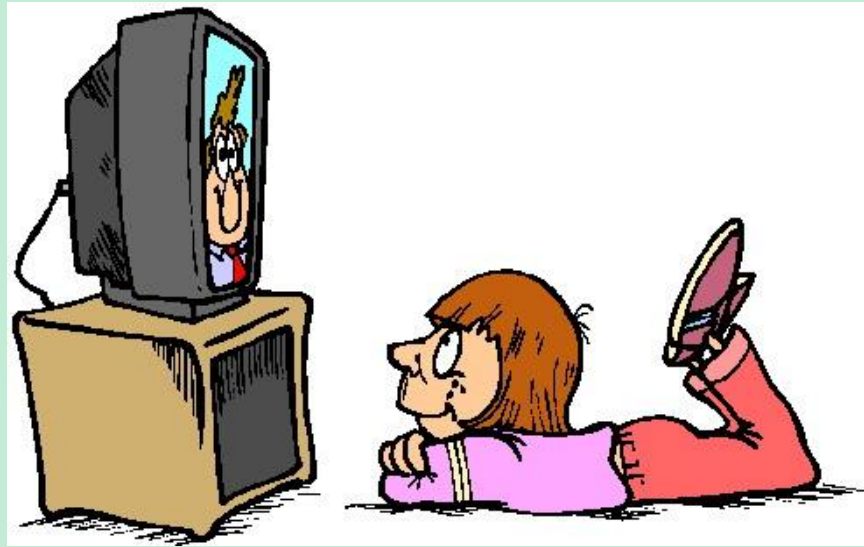
1. To talk about an action that was in progress in a particular time in the past.

eg. I was working yesterday morning.



2. To talk about two actions that were happening at the same time / parallel actions.

e.g. You were watching tv while we were studying.



3. To talk about an action that was in progress and was interrupted by another one.

e.g. Mary was talking when Joseph screamed.



PAST CONTINUOUS

(PRONOUN + WAS/WERE + VERB-ING)

AFFIRMATIVE

I **was** playing

You **were** playing

He **was** playing

She **was** playing

It **was** playing

We **were** playing

You **were** playing

They **were** playing

NEGATIVE

I **wasn't** playing

You **weren't** playing

He **wasn't** playing

She **wasn't** playing

It **wasn't** playing

We **weren't** playing

You **weren't** playing

They **weren't** playing

INTERROGATIVE

Was I playing?

Were you playing?

Was he playing?

Was she playing?

Was it playing?

Were we playing?

Were you playing?

Were they playing?

Was not = wasn't
Were not = weren't

Answers

Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't

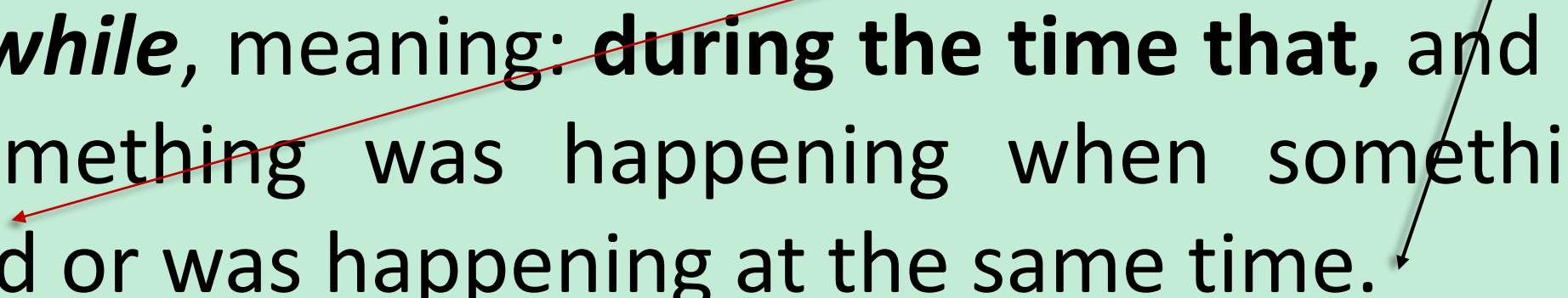
Yes, you were. / No, you weren't

Affirmative / Negative

Subject + was/were + verb in -ing + predicate
wasn't/weren't

1. I was cooking all the morning yesterday
2. My brothers were playing Xbox while I was eating
3. We were enjoying the picnic when it started to rain

When/while, meaning: **during the time that**, and indicate that something was happening when something else occurred or was happening at the same time.



Uses 2 and 3.

2. In this case we use two clauses in the past continuous.

My brothers were playing Xbox while **I was eating**

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3. In this case we use past continuous for the first action and past simple for the action that interrupts the first.

We were enjoying the picnic when **it started to rain**

Past continuous

simple past

Interrogative.

(wh-quest) was/were + subject + verb ing f. + predicate + ?

**Were you working yesterday? Yes, I was/No, I wasn't*

**Why were you working yesterday? My boss asked it*

**Were my brothers playing Xbox while I was eating?*

**Were you enjoying the picnic when it started to rain?*

Basic rules to convert regular verbs to progressive form.

1. add “ing” to all the verbs.

- **Stay = staying**
- **Read = reading**
- **Think = thinking**

3. If the verb ends in -e delete the -e and add -ing.

- * **Delete = deleting**
- * **Take = taking**

2. one syllable verbs ending in consonant + vowel + consonant double the last consonant and add -ing.

- * **Swim = swimming**
- * **Plan = planning**
- * **Run = running**

Except: ending in -y, -w, -o.