

Past Continuous

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FORMATION

Affirmative

I was flying

You were flying

He was flying

She was flying

It was flying

We were flying

You were flying

They were flying

Interrogative

Was I sleeping?

Were you sleeping?

Was he sleeping?

Was she sleeping?

Was it sleeping?

Were we sleeping?

Were you sleeping?

Were they sleeping?

Negative

I was not / wasn't reading

You were not / weren't reading

He was not / wasn't reading

She was not / wasn't reading

It was not / wasn't reading

We were not / weren't reading

You were not / weren't reading

They were not / weren't reading

Short answers

Were you studying?

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

Were they talking?

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

SPELLING RULES

Σε ορισμένα ρήματα συμβαίνουν αλλαγές στην ορθογραφία τους όταν παίρνουν την κατάληξη - **ing**:

1. Όταν το ρήμα λήγει σε **-e**, αυτό φεύγει και μπαίνει στη θέση του το **-ing**.

e.g. make + ing = making give + ing = giving

2. Όταν το ρήμα τελειώνει σε **σύμφωνο - τονισμένο φωνήεν - σύμφωνο**, διπλασιάζει το τελευταίο του σύμφωνο.

e.g. hit + ing = hitting begin + ing = beginning

3. Όταν το ρήμα λήγει σε **-l**, αυτό διπλασιάζεται (στα Βρετανικά Αγγλικά).

e.g. travel + ing = travelling

4. Όταν το ρήμα λήγει σε **-ie**, τότε αυτό φεύγει και μπαίνει στη θέση του το **-ying**.

e.g. lie + ing = lying tie + ing = tying die + ing = dying

Use

Ας δούμε τι εκφράζει ο **Past Continuous**:

1. Yesterday at 6 p.m. I **was watching** a film on TV.

My mum **was cooking** all morning.

Μια πράξη που εξελισσόταν στο παρελθόν σε συγκεκριμένη χρονική στιγμή ή περίοδο.

2. While George **was studying**, his sister **was talking** on the phone.

Δύο ή περισσότερες πράξεις που συνέβαιναν παράλληλα στο παρελθόν.

3. I **was walking** on the beach when it **started** to rain.

Μια πράξη που εξελισσόταν όταν τη διέκοψε μια άλλη πιο σύντομη πράξη (η οποία είναι σε Past Simple)

Time expressions

Με τον Past Continuous συναντάμε χρονικές λέξεις και φράσεις, όπως:

all (day, morning, evening etc.)

while

as