Past Continuous (Αόριστος Διαρκείας)

Ο Past Continuous σχηματίζεται με το was/were και την κατάληξη -ing στο ρήμα. Αντιστοιχεί περίπου με τον Παρατατικό στα ελληνικά και χρησιμοποιείται για να περιγράψει

 α) πράξη που ήταν σε εξέλιξη σε συγκεκριμένη στιγμή στο παρελθόν : He was playing tennis at 4.30 yesterday.

β)πράξη στο παρελθόν που ήταν σε εξέλιξη και διακόπηκε από κάποια άλλη, η οποία μπαίνει σε Past SImple : While I was getting dressed, the phone rang.

γ)δύο ή περισσότερες πράξεις που γινόταν ταυτόχρονα: While I was sunbathing, Tom was swimming.

δ) το σκηνικό μιας ιστορίας : The sun was shining and the birds were singing that winter morning.

Δες πώς κλείνεται ένα ρήμα στον Past Continuous.

I was working Was I working? I wasn’t (was not) working

you were working Were you working? You weren’t (were not) working

He/she/it was working Was he/she/it working? He/she/it wasn’t working

We were working Were we working? We weren’t working

You were working Were you working? You weren’t working

They were working Were they working? They weren’t working

Ο χρόνος αυτός χρησιμοποιείται συχνά με τις εκφράσεις ‘**while /ενώ και when /όταν’.**

Συμπλήρωσε με τα ρήματα στον παραπάνω χρόνο.

-Ηi, Mary!. I couldn’t find you on the phone yesterday. What ……………….. you …………………….. (do) at around 10.00pm when I called you?

- I think I ……………………. (take) a bath while my husband …………………………. (wash) the car and the kids ………………………………. (play) computer games so noone heard the phone ring.

- Didn’t you see my call later on? Why didn’t you call me back?

- Because I ……………………… (cook) from 10.30pm until late at night. We are going to have some guests tomorrow. What about you? What have you been up to?

- Well, you won’t believe it! Yesterday evening I ………………………… (work) at the bar as usual when a very strange man appeared and ordered chamomile tea. At first I thought he ……………………….. (joke) but then I realised he was serious. He said he ……………………….. (wait) for a girl and the tea would help him relax.

-What can I say!