

Past Continuous Tense

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Past Continuous - прошедшее длительное время

Время Past Continuous указывает на процесс, длившийся в определенный момент или период в прошлом. В отличие от времени Past Simple, этот момент в прошлом должен быть назван прямо (например, **yesterday at 5 o'clock, when you called, when rain started**) или быть очевидным из контекста.

When you called I was taking shower.

Когда ты позвонил, я принимал душ.

Charlie and me were already driving home when the engine suddenly stopped.

Мы с Чарли уже ехали домой, как вдруг заглох мотор.

Образование **Past Continuous**



Для того, чтобы поставить глагол в форму **Past Continuous**, нужен вспомогательный глагол **to be** в прошедшем времени и причастие настоящего времени (**Participle I**) смыслового глагола.

To be в прошедшем времени имеет две формы:
was – 1 и 3 лицо ед. ч. (**I was smoking. He was eating.**)
were – 2 лицо ед. ч. и все формы мн. ч. (**They were laughing.**)

В вопросительном предложении

вспомогательный глагол выносится на место перед подлежащим, а значимый глагол остается после него:

Were you sleeping when I called? You sounded drowsy.

Ты спал, когда я позвонил? Ты казался сонным.

В отрицательных предложениях за вспомогательным глаголом следует отрицательная частица **not**. Формы **was** и **were** при этом могут быть сокращены до **wasn't** и **weren't** соответственно.

In the morning our elevator was not (wasn't) working.

Утром не работал лифт.



Утвердительные предложения:

I **was** playing

We **were** playing

You **were** playing

You **were** playing

He / she / it **was** playing

They **were** playing



Вопросительные предложения:

Was I playing?

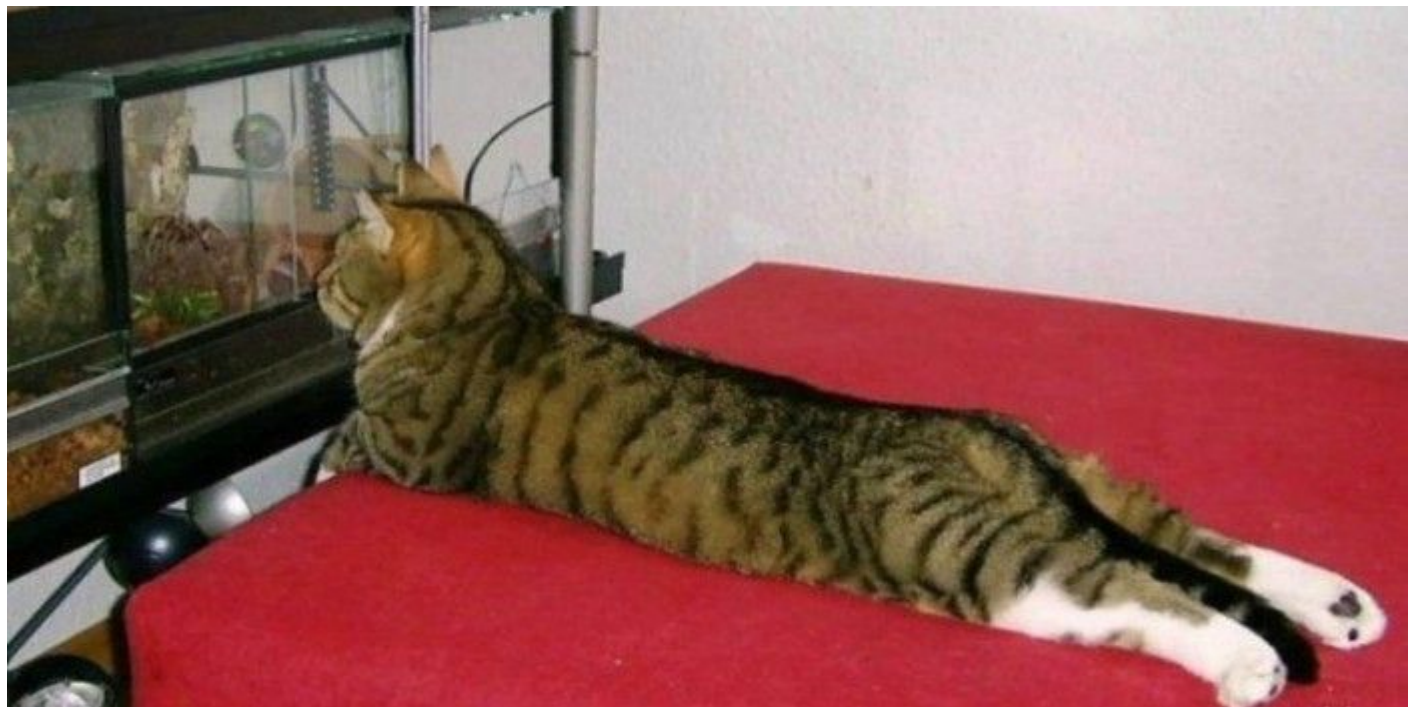
Were we playing?

Were you playing?

Were you playing?

Was he / she / it playing?

Were they playing?



Отрицательные предложения:

I **was not** playing

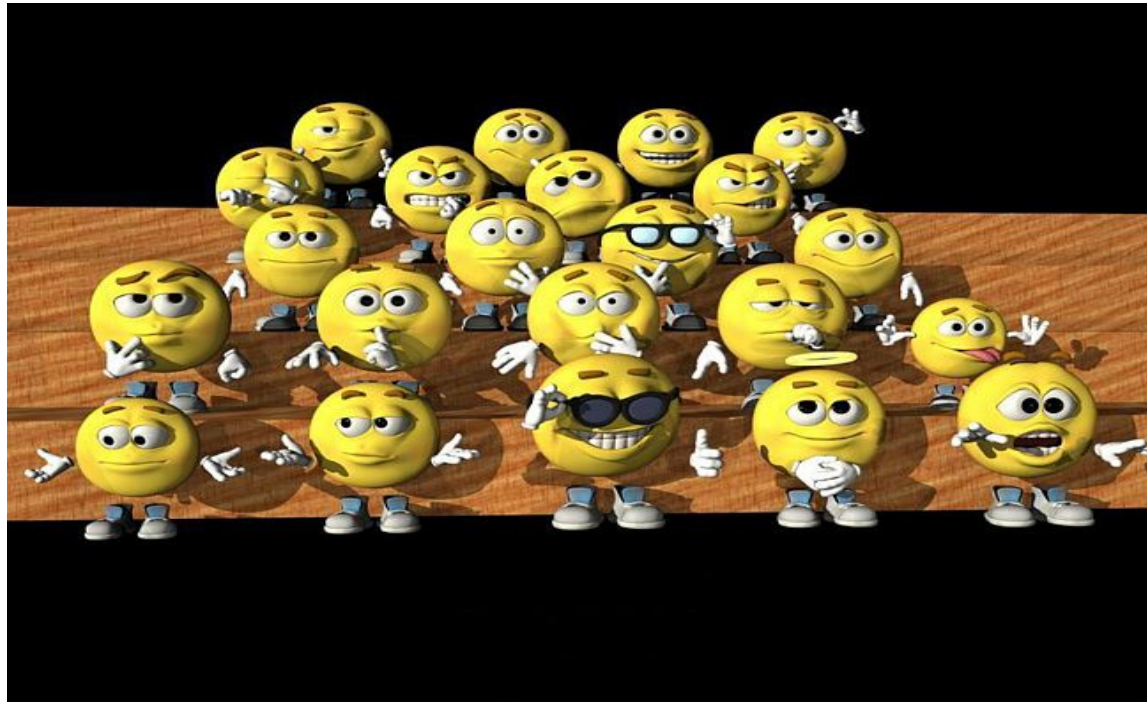
We **were not** playing

You **were not** playing

You **were not** playing

He/she/it **was not** playing

They **were not** playing





Случаи употребления **Past Continuous**

Указание на процесс, происходивший в конкретный момент времени в прошлом:

I was sleeping when someone knocked at the door.

Когда я спал, кто-то постучал в дверь.

Practical Exercises



Underline the correct form.

- a. While *he took / was taking* a bath, Archimedes *discovered / was discovering* the principles of density and buoyancy.
- b. When Edouard Benedictus, a French scientist, *worked / was working* in his Laboratory, he *dropped / was dropping* a glass bottle which had some plastic inside - and *invented / was inventing* safety glass.
- c. Columbus *arrived / was arriving* in America while he *tried / was trying* to reach The Far East.
- d. Alexander Fleming *discovered / was discovering* penicillin by accident while he *looked / was looking* at some old experiments.
- e. While Hiram Bingham *climbed / was climbing* in the mountains of Peru in 1911, he *discovered / was discovering* the lost city of Macchu Picchu.
- f. While Isaac Newton *sat / was sitting* under an apple tree, an apple *fell / was falling* on his head, and he *understood / was understanding* gravity.

Use the prompts to make a question.

1. Where / Edouard Benedictus / work when he invented safety glass?

Where was Edouard Benedictus working when he invented safety glass?

2. Where / Columbus / try to go when he reached America? _____?

3. Where / Isaac Newton / sit according to the story about gravity? _____ ?

4. What / Dr Harry Coover I hope to invent? _____?

5. What Galileo / look at / through his telescope?
_____ ?



Complete the sentence with the past continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- a. Edouard Benedictus (not try) _____ to invent safety glass .
- b. Alexander Fleming (not hope) _____ to discover penicillin.
- c. Hiram Bingham (not look for) _____ the lost city of Macchu Picchu.
- d. Isaac Newton (not sit) _____ in his study when he understood gravity.
- e. Dr Harry Coover (not conduct) _____ an experiment to discover a kind of glue.

Complete the sentence with the past simple or past continuous form of the verb in brackets.

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- a. While he (grow up) *was growing up*, the philosopher Aristotle was his teacher. Alexander (become) *became* interested in science, medicine, philosophy and literature.
- b. While his father Philip (attend) _____ his daughter's wedding, a young nobleman (murder) _____ him. Alexander was king of Macedonia at the age of 20.
- c. While he (fight) _____ his enemies in the north, the Greeks in the south (start) _____ a rebellion. He (destroy) _____ all their cities.
- d. He (lead) _____ his army against the Persian Empire through what is now Turkey. While he (stay) _____ in the ancient city of Gordium, he (undo) _____ the Gordian knot. A legend said that only a future king of Asia could do this.
- e. While his army (march) _____ through Persia, it (defeat) _____ Darius, the king of Persia.
- f. He (found) _____ the city of Alexandria at the mouth of the Nile while he (visit) _____ Egypt.
- g. While he (travel) _____ with his army, he (give) _____ his name to many other towns.
- h. He (kill) _____ his friend Clitus in a quarrel, while they (have) _____ dinner.
- i. While he (attack) _____ the city of Mali in India, he (receive) _____ a serious wound from an arrow.
- j. While he (attend) _____ a banquet in Babylon in 323 BC, he (fall) _____ ill and (die) _____.

This is the End!
Thank you! Good-bye!

