The Past Continuous Tense

Употребляется для выражения действий, длящихся в прошлом.

For example: I was writing a letter to my friend when Mum came.

The Present Continuous is used with the following adverbials of time

- O At 5 o'clock yesterday (вчера в 5 часов);
- O From 5 to/till 6 yesterday (вчера с 5 до 6);
- O For 3 days last week (в течении 3-х дней на прошлой неделе);
- O Etc.

Большинство временных указателей ставится в конце предложения.

For example: They were playing football from 12 till 2 yesterday.

- + Affirmative sentences
 - Negative sentences
- ? Interrogative sentences

Affirmative sentences

Подлежащее Вспомогательный глагол to be

Сказуемое

I He She It	was	V + ing
We You They	were	

Example:

Я читал книгу вчера в течении 3-х часов. I was reading a book for 3 hours yesterday.

Мы смотрели фильм вчера с 5 до 7. We were watching a film at 5 till 7 yesterday.

Он работал в саду, когда она вернулась домой. He was working in the garden when she came at home.

Exercise 1.

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- ☐ He (go) to the library yesterday.

 He was going to the library yesterday.
- She (stay) at home.She was staying at home.
- ☐ Food prices (rise) for 1 month last year.

 Food prices were rising for 1 month last year.
- I (eat) sweets when I cooked dinner.I was eating sweets when I cooked dinner.

Negative sentences

Подлежащее Вспомогательны й глагол to be + not

Сказуемое

I He She It	was	+ not	V + ing
We You They	were		

Example:

Я не читал книгу вчера в течении 3-х часов. I was not reading a book for 3 hours yesterday.

Мы не смотрели фильм вчера с 5 до 7. We were not watching a film at 5 till 7 yesterday.

Он не работал в саду, когда она вернулась домой. He was not working in the garden when she came at home.

Exercise 2.

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- ☐ He (not go) to the library yesterday.

 He wasn't going to the library yesterday.
- She (not stay) at home.She wasn't staying at home.
- ☐ Food prices (not rise) for 1 month last year.

 Food prices weren't rising for 1 month last year.
- ☐ I (not eat) sweets when I cooked dinner.

 I wasn't eating sweets when I cooked dinner.

Interrogative sentences

Вспомогательный глагол to be

Подлежащее

Сказуемое?

Was	I, he, she, it	V + ing?
Were	We, they,	
	you	

Example:

Я читал книгу вчера в течении 3-х часов? Was I reading a book for 3 hours yesterday?

Мы смотрели фильм вчера с 5 до 7?
Were we watching a film at 5 till 7 yesterday?

Он работал в саду, когда она вернулась домой? Was he working in the garden when she came at home?

Exercise 3.

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- ☐ ... he (go) to the library yesterday?
 - Was he going to the library yesterday?
- ... she (stay) at home?
 - Was she staying at home?
- ☐ Food prices (rise) for 1 month last year?
 - Were food prices rising for 1 month last year?
- ... I (eat) sweets when I cooked dinner?
 - Was I eating sweets when I cooked dinner?