

Past progressive

Affirmative and negative

1 Complete the sentences with the past progressive form of the verbs.

The children weren't sleeping (not / sleep).

- I _____ (stand) outside the store.
- We _____ (not / talk) in class.
- Trudi _____ (wash) her hair.
- Alberto _____ (eat) an apple.
- Toni _____ (not / listen) to me.

2 Complete the sentences with past progressive form of the verbs in the box.

not eat ~~not listen~~ not read
play sing swim watch

Gerry wasn't listening to the soccer game on the radio.

- We _____ in the sea yesterday but it was cold.
- Grandma _____ the newspaper in the yard this morning.
- Mom and Dad _____ an old movie on TV last night.
- Brad _____ the piano this morning.
- My sister and her friends _____ songs at school yesterday afternoon.
- Pilar and Mercedes _____ pizza in the kitchen.

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Interrogative and short answers

3 Complete the questions and short answers.

Was he talking (talk) to her?

Yes, he was.

- _____ they _____ (sit) in the kitchen?
No, _____.
- _____ she _____ (live) in La Paz?
No, _____.
- _____ Mom and Dad _____ (have) dinner at home?
Yes, _____.
- _____ Alberto _____ (write) a song?
No, _____.

4 Use the verbs in the box to write questions in the past progressive.

cook drink ~~drive~~ fly ride steal

that man / a bank

Was that man robbing a bank?

- Eva / her new bike

- they / dinner

- the thief / a painting

- the woman / a cup of coffee

- Jan and Robin / in a helicopter

Past progressive and simple past

+ when / while

5 Write sentences using *while* and the phrases in the table.

was reading	dropped
were walking	saw
was talking	heard
were sleeping	met
was running	arrived
were watching	closed
was wearing	opened
was playing	took

While I was walking, I saw my friend.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

6 Choose the correct answers.

While / When I was waiting for my mom the taxi arrived.

- They were walking up the street **when** / **while** they met me.
- I called them **while** / **when** they were playing volleyball.
- Giraldo was reading a comic **when** / **while** he fell asleep.
- While** / **When** you were having a rest I was doing the ironing.
- They weren't looking at me **when** / **while** I scored the goal.