

Past progressive

Affirmative and negative

1 Choose the correct answers.

My dad was / were watching the baseball game on TV.

- I **was** / were reading a comic.
- The students **was** / were studying in the library.
- The children **was** / were playing outside.
- Your dad **was** / were washing the car.
- You **was** / were learning Spanish.
- It **was** / were snowing this morning.
- The cat **was** / were sleeping in the sun.

2 Complete the sentences with the affirmative (✓) or negative (X) form of the past progressive.

Bob **was walking** (walk) home. ✓

- I thought they _____ (live) in Vancouver. ✓
- He _____ (wait) for his sister. X
- Mr Brown _____ (teach) at 9 a.m. this morning. ✓
- Dolores _____ (sing) in the concert. X
- Dad _____ (read) the newspaper. X
- I _____ (play) basketball. ✓
- She _____ (visit) her best friend. X
- We _____ (have) dinner. ✓
- The children _____ (watch) TV. X

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Interrogative and short answers

3 Write questions in the past progressive and complete the short answers.

you / text / your friend / ?

Were you texting your friend?

Yes, I was.

- Alice / study / English / ?

No, _____.

- he / draw / a picture / ?

Yes, _____.

- they / play / field hockey / ?

Yes, _____.

- Frank / read / in the library / ?

No, _____.

- we / travel / by bus / ?

No, _____.

Past progressive and simple past + when / while

4 Put the words in the correct order.

I / read / while / you / watch TV

I was reading while you were watching TV.

- I / talk to / Dave / while / he / work

2 while / I / surf the Internet / Joe / send / e-mails

- while / our teacher / talk / we / listen

- John / take a shower / while / we / cook dinner

- I / listen to / music / while / I / walk

5 Check (✓) the correct option.

Were you sleeping when the phone _____?

a rang b was ringing c rings

- While we _____ to school, we saw Kyle.

a go b were going c went

- The woman was shopping when the thief _____ her car.

a steal b was stealing c stole

- While they were swimming in the sea, they _____ a dolphin.

a was seeing b saw c seen

- I bought this bag when I _____ in Los Angeles.

a live b was living c were living

- Was he doing the grocery shopping when he _____ the shoplifter?

a saw b was seeing c see

6 Match the sentence halves.

When Jenny met Fred

c

- Jake was spraying graffiti _____

- Kevin dropped the bowl _____

- I was playing with my dog _____

- We were walking around the art gallery _____

a when a thief stole a painting.

b while he was washing the dishes.

c he was living in Boston.

d when it ran out of the park.

e when the teacher saw him.