



Practise the past continuous with these fun exercises!

i We use the past continuous when we want to talk about the background of a story: the birds were singing. We also use it to talk about an action in the past that was happening at a specific moment of interruption: we were watching a film when the door bell rang. The past continuous also describes a past habit of someone: he was always leaving the door open.

How to form this tense: Use the simple past of "to be": "was" for I and he/she/it and "were" for you, we and they and then add "-ing" to the verb. For example. I was watching TV. OR We were having lunch.

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He _____ playing in the garden when the phone rang.

- is
- was
- were

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Were you _____ to music when I phoned you?

- listening
- listen
- listened

i

We _____ sitting in the classroom when the fire alarm went off.

- were
- is
- was

i

When we were _____ breakfast, my aunt Polly came for a visit.

- had
- having
- have

i

Were you _____ me when I had my headphones on?

- call
- called
- calling

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We _____ just wondering about making a cake for Mum's birthday.

- were
- are
- was



I was _____ if you could do my chores today?

- wonder
- wondering
- wondered



I _____ riding on the bus when the snow storm suddenly hit!

- were
- was
- am



They were _____ at the house when a cat suddenly jumped through the window!

- look
- looks
- looking



Alistair _____ having a good time at the party, when his Mum asked him to come home.

- is
- was
- were



Jordan was _____ on the football pitch when he saw me and waved.

Fill the gap with the right form of "run"



They _____ playing football when it started to rain.



Susan was _____ for her shoes when she found her piggy bank instead.

Fill the gap with the right form of "look"



When I _____ tidying my room I suddenly got an important phone call.

