



Practise the past continuous with these exercises!

**i** We use the past continuous for an action that was suddenly interrupted by another one. For example: I was doing my homework when the telephone rang.

Signal words: when, while

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.**

- ☐ was
- ☐ is
- ☐ were

**?**

**Were you \_\_\_\_\_ to music when I phoned you?**

- ☐ listen
- ☐ listening
- ☐ listened

**?**

**We \_\_\_\_\_ sitting in the classroom when the fire alarm went off.**

- ☐ were
- ☐ is
- ☐ was

**?**

**When we were \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast, my aunt Polly came for a visit.**

- ☐ had
- ☐ having
- ☐ have

**?**

**Were you \_\_\_\_\_ me when I had my headphones on?**

- ☐ calling
- ☐ call
- ☐ called

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**We \_\_\_\_\_ just wondering about making a cake for Mum's birthday.**

- ☐ are
- ☐ was
- ☐ were



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**I was \_\_\_\_\_ if you could do my chores today?**

- ☐ wondered
- ☐ wonder
- ☐ wondering

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**I \_\_\_\_\_ riding on the bus when the snowstorm suddenly hit!**

- ☐ were
- ☐ am
- ☐ was

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**They were \_\_\_\_\_ at the house when a cat suddenly jumped through the window!**

- ☐ looking
- ☐ looks
- ☐ look

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

- ☐ is
- ☐ were
- ☐ was

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**Jordan was \_\_\_\_\_ on the football pitch when he saw me and waved.**

Fill the gap with the right form of "run"



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**They \_\_\_\_\_ playing football when it started to rain.**

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**Susan was \_\_\_\_\_ for her shoes when she found her piggy bank instead.**

Fill the gap with the right form of "look"



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**When I \_\_\_\_\_ tidying my room, I suddenly got an important phone call.**