



Let's practise the past continuous!

i We use the past continuous when we want to talk about the background of a story: "The birds were singing and I sat on the park bench".

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 or something that happened again and again: "He was always leaving the door open".

i 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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Marie was _____ about a cartoon when I came home.

- laugh
- laughed
- laughing

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The puppies _____ growing up fast!

- were
- was

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Peter was always _____ us woolly jumpers.

- knit
- to knit
- knitting

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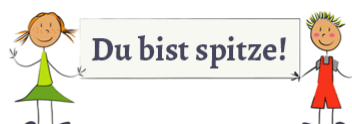
They _____ playing football when it started to rain.

- were
- was
- is

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He was always _____ into the house with his dirty boots on.

- walk
- walking
- walked





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We were _____ lunch when Theo came for a visit.

- had
- having
- have

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They _____ singing together every week.

- was
- is
- were

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She was often _____ in bed.

- reading
- read
- reding

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My friends _____ just telling me about their weekend when the teacher came in.

- is
- was
- were

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Our new house _____ changing fast because of all the renovation work.

- are
- were
- was

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Daisy was _____ to me when she saw me earlier.

- wave
- waved
- waving

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James and Julian were always _____ in town after school.

- meeting
- meet
- met