EXERCISES

Past Continuous

Answer key

1 Write the verb in the Past Continuous.

1 At nine this morning I *was driving* (drive) to work.

2 My parents *were sitting* (sit) in the garden all afternoon.

3 She *was talking* (talk) to a client, so I waited.

4 We *were having* (have) breakfast at seven.

5 The baby *was crying* (cry) all night.

6 You *were smiling* (smile) in every photo from the trip.

7 My boss *was standing* (stand) by the window when I came in.

8 It *was snowing* (snow) when we landed in Denver.

9 The kids *were running* (run) around the backyard.

10 I *was looking* (look) for a parking spot for twenty minutes.

2 Complete the negative sentences and questions.

1 I *wasn't listening* (not / listen), sorry. Can you say that again?

2 They *weren't working* (not / work) on Friday. The office was closed.

3 She *wasn't wearing* (not / wear) a coat, so she was freezing.

4 We *weren't expecting* (not / expect) so many guests.

5 *Were* you *sleeping* (sleep) when I texted you?

6 *Was* he *driving* (drive) too fast?

7 Where *were* you *going* (go) when I saw you downtown?

8 Who *was* she *talking* (talk) to on the phone?

3 Circle the correct answer.

1 I was making coffee when my phone _____. (rang) / was ringing / rings

2 We _____ through the park when it started to rain. walked / (were walking) / was walking

3 _____ I was waiting in line, I read the news. (While) / During / For

4 She cut her finger while she _____ vegetables. chopped / is chopping / (was chopping)

5 The lights went out _____ we were having dinner. (while) / during / for

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3 Circle the correct answer.

6 My husband _____ when I got home, so I didn't wake him up.
slept / (was sleeping) / were sleeping

7 What _____ when the accident happened? did you do / (were you doing) / you were doing

8 I _____ my keys while I was jogging. (dropped) / was dropping / were dropping

4 Choose the correct sentence.

1
a) We was watching a movie.
b) (We were watching a movie.)
c) We were watch a movie.

2
a) (Was it raining this morning?)
b) Did it raining this morning?
c) Was it rain this morning?

3
a) I didn't working yesterday at noon.
b) I wasn't work yesterday at noon.
c) (I wasn't working yesterday at noon.)

4
a) (They were arguing when I walked in.)
b) They arguing when I walked in.
c) They was arguing when I walked in.

5
a) What you were doing at six?
b) (What were you doing at six?)
c) What did you doing at six?

6
a) While I cooked, the doorbell was ringing.
b) While I was cook, the doorbell rang.
c) (While I was cooking, the doorbell rang.)

5 Put the words in order to make sentences.

1 arrived / when / working / package / from / the / was / home / I / .

I was working from home when the package arrived.

2 at / party / were / talking / to / the / who / you / ?

Who were you talking to at the party?

3 hard / it / was / raining / last / night / .

It was raining hard last night.

4 boss / my / I / when / listening / wasn't / it / explained / .

I wasn't listening when my boss explained it.

5 kids / I / back / were / got / homework / doing / the / when / .

The kids were doing homework when I got back.

6 were / work / eight / at / to / you / driving / ?

Were you driving to work at eight?

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5 Put the words in order to make sentences.

7 dog / I / was / I / the / walking / met / neighbor / while / my / .

I met my neighbor while I was walking the dog.

6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 My kids was playing outside all day.

My kids were playing outside all day.

2 She was wait for the bus in the rain.

She was waiting for the bus in the rain.

3 Were he working late last night?

Was he working late last night?

4 We wasn't paying attention to the time.

We weren't paying attention to the time.

5 It were snowing when we left the house.

It was snowing when we left the house.

6 Where was you going so early this morning?

Where were you going so early this morning?

7 They were siting in the lobby when I arrived.

They were sitting in the lobby when I arrived.

8 What did you doing at ten last night?

What were you doing at ten last night?

YOUR LIFE

7 Write about what you were doing yesterday.

AT 8 A.M. I WAS...

WHEN ... , I WAS...

Answers will vary.