

THE TEAM WAS WORKING ON A NEW APP

THE PAST CONTINUOUS



1. LISTENING: listen and complete the text with the subjects from the box:

John- Emily and Pete - The project manager - the software development team - Mike -
Sarah and Jake (x2) - the team members- everyone - They

Last week, ... **was working** on a new app for a client. While **was coding** the login system, ... **were testing** the user interface. At the same time, ...**were writing** the new code, and **was debugging** the database.

At 7.30 this morning, ... **was preparing** for a meeting with the client.**was explaining** the latest updates, and
..... **were reviewing** their tasks. **were** all **trying** to finish the project before the deadline. However, ... **weren't working** on the project at that moment—they **were making** coffee for the meeting.

2. VOCABULARY: What are the words that you don't understand?

3. CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING:

Choose the best answer for the questions.

I) When was the team working on a new app for a client?
a. at 7.30 this morning. – b. last week. – c. in the kitchen.

II) What were Emily and Pete doing?
a. They were writing the new code. – b. They were testing the interface. – c. They were coding the login system.

III) Was Pete debugging the database?

a. No, they weren't. – b. No, he wasn't. – c. Yes, he was.

IV) What was the team manager doing at 7.30 am?

a. He was preparing for the meeting. – b. He was reviewing his tasks. – c. He was explaining the latest updates.

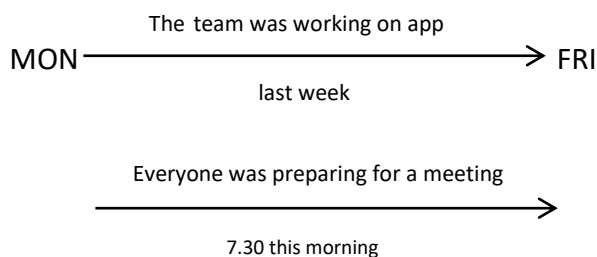
v) Were Sara and Jake working on the project?

a. Yes, they were. – No, she wasn't. – No, they weren't.

3. STUDY THE GRAMMAR:

Look at the verbs in bold and find what they have in common:

All these verbs are in the Past Continuous tense. We use the past continuous tense to describe **an action in progress in the past**. The action **was not finished, it was happening at a specific moment in the past**. (Usamos el **past continuous** or **past progressive** para describir una acción en progreso en el pasado. La acción **no estaba terminada, estaba sucediendo** en un **momento definido en el pasado**)



Vemos en las líneas del tiempo que las acciones no habían terminado, sino que estaban sucediendo, estaban en progreso. Es decir, durante la semana pasada, la tarea de desarrollar la app, no estaba terminada. El equipo **estaba trabajando** en la app. Del mismo modo, los preparativos para la reunión con el cliente a las 7 de la mañana, no estaban terminados. El gerente del proyecto **estaba explicando...**, los integrantes del equipo **estaban revisando...**, etc.

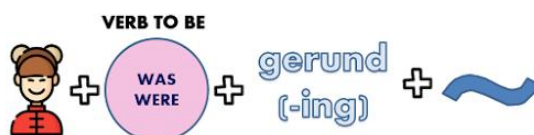
Ejemplos típicos de este tiempo verbal son acciones como estudiar, trabajar, leer, hacer un examen, mirar televisión, ducharse, etc., que necesitan un tiempo para desarrollarse:

Yesterday, at 10.00 pm, I **was working** on the new project.

This morning, at half past nine, he **was troubleshooting** the software

We **were designing** the user interface last Tuesday at 11.00.

Podemos ver en los ejemplos de más arriba, que al igual que el **present continuous**, el **past continuous** se forma con **be + V + -ing**, pero en lugar de usar **is, am y are**, usamos **was y were**.



Complete the table with the correct past form of be.

I	was	sending an email	at 8.00 pm.
You		writing the game script	
He		coding in C++	
She		printing documents	
It		designing 3D characters	
We		testing the game sound.	
They		downloading music	

Para las **negaciones** usamos **was/were + not**, o las formas contraídas **wasn't / weren't** y el verbo terminado en -ing.



Now, complete the table with the correct negative form of was or were.

I	was not (wasn't)	sending an email	at 10.00 this morning.
You		writing the game script	
He		coding in C++	
She		printing documents	
It		designing 3D characters	
We		testing the game sound.	
They		downloading music	

Para formular preguntas usamos **was** o **were** al inicio de la oración, seguido del sujeto y el verbo terminado en -ing.



Complete the table with the correct form of be, and the personal pronouns.

Was	I	sending an email?	at 10.00 this morning?
		writing the game script?	
		coding in C++?	
		printing documents?	
		designing 3D characters?	
		testing the game sound?	
		downloading music?	

Yes/No questions have short answers → Yes, I was. – No, I wasn't.

Para las “WH questions” usamos la misma estructura de las YES/NO, pero ubicamos las WH words (who, what, when, where, etc.) al inicio de las preguntas.

When were you sending an email?

SUMMARIZING

PAST CONTINUOUS

AFFIRMATIVE

S+to be(en pasado)+ V°ing

I **was** playing

He **was** playing

They **were** playing

NEGATIVE

S+to be(en pasado neg)+ V°ing

I **wasn't** playing

He **wasn't** playing

They **weren't** playing

INTERROGATIVE

To be(en pasado)+S+V°ing

Were you playing?

Was she playing?

A) What was happening at 8.00 am yesterday?

I	play the flute
you	not watch TV
he	not read
she	laugh with her friends
it	not snow
we	have dinner
they	chat
Emma	study
Luke	not work

I was playing the flute.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

B) Read the table. Then correct the sentences. Write one negative and one affirmative sentence

	Nuria	Lori and Dan
18:30 – 19:30	read	work
19:30 – 20:30	study	have dinner
20:30 – 22.00	listen to a CD	watch TV

At seven o'clock ...

Nuria was listening to music.

Nuria wasn't listening to music.

She was reading.

At eight o'clock ...

1 Nuria was working.

2 Lori and Dan were studying.

At nine o'clock ...

3 Nuria was watching TV.

4 Lori and Dan were having dinner.

C) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 What _____ (Elaine and Caroline / do) in that shop?

2 I _____ (drive) home at seven o'clock in the evening.

3 Where _____ (you / go) yesterday afternoon?

4 Mary and Lionel _____ (live) in Washington at the time.

5 The teacher got angry because I _____ (not listen) to her

6 Steven _____ (sleep) at 10.30 pm.

7 The lift _____ (not work) this morning.

8 Why _____ (your father / complain) to the police officer?

D) Make questions using the prompts. Then, answer them as in the example.

A: you / watch TV / 8.00 p.m.?

Were you watching TV at eight o'clock?

B: No / have dinner

No, I wasn't. I was having dinner.

A: Sally / do / homework / 8.00 a.m.?

Was Sally doing her homework at 8.00 am?

B Yes

Yes, she was.

1 A your friends / play tennis / 4.30 p.m.?

B No / study / English

2 A Jennifer / work / 10.30?

B Yes

3 A Donald and Eddie / have breakfast / seven o'clock?

B No / sleep

4 A Robert / drive / work / 8.15?

B Yes

5 A it / rain / yesterday morning?

B Yes

6 A your father / watch / TV / 9.30 p.m.?

B No / read / book

7 A Steven and Chris / walk / school / 8.30 a.m.?

B Yes

8 A Simon / eat / sandwich / 12.15?

B No / drink / coffee

E) **GRAMMAR IN USE** Last night there was a robbery at the Denmore Hotel. The police want to know what everybody was doing at five past eight. Look at the photos from the hotel cameras. Read all the questions before you answer them.



Mr Denby



Steve Burton



Mr and Mrs Grant



Maria



Alfredo and Alex



Marco

- 0 Was Mr Denby carrying some suitcases? *No, he wasn't. He was swimming in the pool.*
- 1 Was Steve Burton eating in the restaurant?
- 2 Were Mr and Mrs Grant paying the bill?
- 3 Was Maria swimming in the pool?
- 4 Were Alfredo and Alex using the Internet?
- 5 Was Marco cooking in the kitchen?

Now answer these WH questions about the robbery

0. Who was paying the Bill? *Steve Burton was paying the bill.*
1. What were Mr. and Mrs. Grant doing at 8.05 pm?
2. Who was swimming in the pool?
3. What was María doing?
4. What was Marco doing at 8.05?
5. Who were cooking in the kitchen?
6. Why wasn't Mr Denby eating in the restaurant?