

The Past Continuous Tense

1. Complete the sentences with the past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

1. They (play) tennis at 10.30 yesterday.
2. I (watch) TV from 5 till 7 yesterday.
3. She (play) the piano all evening yesterday.
4. At 8 o'clock yesterday evening I (have) dinner with some friends.
5. We (work) at 8 o'clock last night.

2. Complete the sentences with the past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

1. The sun (shine) and I (walk) along the High Street.
2. While the children (swim) in the lake, the parents (watch) them.
3. I (study) while he (cook) dinner.
4. While Ellen (read), Tim (watch) television.
5. It (rain) while I (wait) for the bus.
6. He (listen) carefully while they (explain) the plan to him.

3. Complete the sentences with the past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

1. Simon (dance) when he fell and hurt his leg.
2. Bill (write) a letter when his mother came home.
3. Cathy (wash) the dishes when she dropped a glass.
4. Mary (ride) her bike when she noticed the tiny kitten.
5. While I (do) my homework, the phone rang.
6. I heard a loud crash as I (sit) in the garden.
7. They (clean) the windows when it started to rain.
8. She (type) a letter when her boss arrived.

4. Complete the sentences with the past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

1. - Stop singing! - I (not/sing). - You (not/listen) to me at all.
2. We (not/do) anything at ten. We were really tired.
3. We (not/make) much noise when she told us to be quiet.
4. We (not/do) anything wrong when the teacher sent us both out of the classroom.
5. She (not/play) tennis at 3 o'clock yesterday.

5. Ask questions using the past continuous.

1. What (he/do) at half past seven in the morning?
2. What (you/do) when the burglar broke in?
3. you (wear) your watch when she pushed you into the pool?
4. you (put) the baby to bed when I called?
5. Why (you/still/cook) when your guests arrived?