



PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE



When he received
the money, he
_____ **resting**
at home.



She _____
working at the candy
shop while I _____
taking my flight.



_____ they
buying groceries
when it started
raining?

Verbs (Regular & Irregular)

REGULAR VERBS

E.g.

IRREGULAR VERBS

E.g.

**Think about some verbs you can use when you are talking
about SHOPPING.**

Past Continuous Tense

Description

We use the Past Continuous to talk about actions that happened in the _____ but went on for a period of time.

Past Continuous Tense
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Past Progressive Tense

was - were
wasn't - weren't
+
Verb + ing

We were waiting for the bus
when we saw a car accident.



past continuous: were waiting
simple past: saw

Past Continuous Tense

Description

Time Clauses : When & While

When / While

WHEN
ACTION + ACTION

WHILE
ACTION + ACTION
at the same time

WHEN

- Shows what was occurring and what was happening at the moment another activity occurred.

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Past Continuous Tense

Affirmative
(+)
Negative (-)
Interrogative
(?)

Exercise 1

PAST CONTINUOUS

[AFFIRMATIVE]

S + was / were +
verb -ing + C

[NEGATIVE]

S + was / were + not +
verb -ing + C

[INTERROGATIVE]

Was / Were + S +
verb -ing + C ?

E.g. I was reading a book when my sister called me.

1. (+) You
2. (-) She
3. (?) They
4. (-) I

**Write 4 sentences in Past Continuous.
(Use WHEN & WHILE)**

Past Continuous Tense

Exercise 2

1. The waiter was waiting for the order while...
_____.

2. When my cousins were playing Xbox, my sister...
_____.

3. While mum _____,
dad _____.

4. _____
_____.

Complete the sentences.

Past Continuous Tense

Exercise 3

1. (-) _____
_____.

2. (-) _____
_____.

3. (?) _____
_____.

4. (?) _____
_____.

From Exercise 2, change the sentences into negative and interrogative form.

Past Continuous

Past Continuous (SUMMARY)

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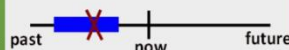
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THANKS!

