

Past Continuous

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- She _____ (read) a book when I called her.
- They _____ (play) football in the park at 3 pm yesterday.
- We _____ (watch) a movie while it started raining.
- He _____ (cook) dinner when the lights went out.
- The children _____ (not/sleep) when their parents got home.

Choose whether the sentence should use Past Continuous or Simple Past.

- While Martha _____ (paint) the wall, she _____ (spill) some paint on the floor.
- They _____ (drive) to the airport when they _____ (see) an accident.
- We _____ (sit) in the garden when it suddenly _____ (start) to rain.
- I _____ (do) my homework when the power _____ (go) out.
- Somebody _____ (call) the phone while the baby _____ (sleep).

Rewrite each sentence in the Past Continuous tense.

- She reads a book.
- They play in the garden.
- He cooks dinner.
- We watch TV.
- I clean the room.

Unscramble the words to make correct sentences using the Past Continuous.

- was / raining / it / yesterday / morning
- reading / she / book / a / was / when / called / you / her
- were / playing / kids / the / football / park / in / the
- dinner / he / making / was / when / arrived / they
- not / was / studying / I / the / watching / I / while / TV

ANSWER KEY

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It was raining yesterday morning.
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She was reading a book when you called her.
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The kids were playing football in the park.
- dinner / he / making / was / when / arrived / they
He was making dinner when they arrived.
- not / was / studying / I / the / watching / I / while / TV
I was not studying while I was watching TV.