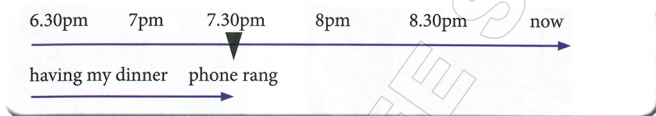


Past continuous: all forms

I was eating. He wasn't eating. Were you eating?

The past continuous describes a continuing situation in the past. We often interrupt a continuing situation with a sudden event.



Nadia phoned me at 7.30. I **was having** my dinner.

Steve **was eating** in the restaurant when the fire started.

We form the past continuous with **was/were + verb +ing** *I was watching*

Statements

Last month I **was working** in Brazil.

Jack and Tony **were working** in Italy.

I **was eating**.

He **was eating**.

We **were eating**.

You **were eating**.

She **was eating**.

They **were eating**.

It **was eating**.

Negatives

The teacher **was talking**, but Harry **wasn't listening**.

Carmen **wasn't teaching** in 1990, she **was studying**.

was not = wasn't were not = weren't

I **wasn't eating**.

He **wasn't eating**.

We **weren't eating**.

You **weren't eating**.

She **wasn't eating**.

They **weren't eating**.

It **wasn't eating**.

Questions

Was **he** listening?

Were they working in the office?

Were you eating when I phoned?

Was I eating?

Was he eating?

Were we eating?

Were you eating?

Was she eating?

Were they eating?

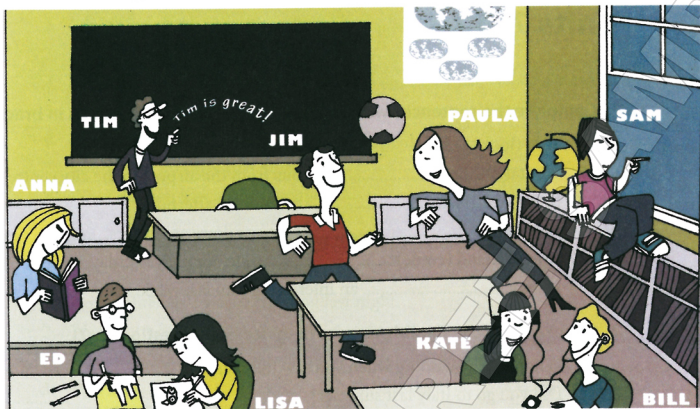
Was it eating?

Wh- questions

What **were** you doing at 6.00?

Who **was** he talking to?

- 1 Look at the picture of a classroom at 2.00 yesterday. Complete each sentence about it using a verb from the box.



play football read a book listen to music write on the board
draw pictures look out of the window

- 1 Anna was reading a book
- 2 Paula and Jim
- 3 Tim
- 4 Kate and Bill
- 5 Sam
- 6 Ed and Lisa

2 Write negative sentences.

- 1 Anna was drawing pictures. Anna wasn't drawing pictures
- 2 Paula and Jim were looking out of the window.
- 3 Tim was reading a book.
- 4 Kate and Bill were writing on the board.
- 5 Sam was playing football.
- 6 Ed and Lisa were listening to music.

3 Use the prompts to make questions.

- 1 Tim / draw pictures was Tim drawing pictures?
- 2 Kate and Bill / look out of the window
- 3 Ed and Lisa / read a book
- 4 Paula and Jim / write on the board
- 5 Anna / play football
- 6 Sam / listen to music