

past continuous

1. Look at Ann's diary. What was she doing on Friday afternoon and evening? Pay attention to the example and change the possessive adjectives when necessary.

4:00 p.m. – wash my hair

5:30 p.m. – drink a cup of tea

6:15 p.m. – speak to manager on the phone

6:55 p.m. – put on my green coat

7:20 p.m. – take a taxi

7:45 p.m. – meet Joe at the restaurant

e.g. **At four o'clock she was washing her hair.**

- a. (5:30 p.m.) **At half past five she was drinking a cup of tea.**
- b. (6:15 p.m.) **At a quarter past six she was speaking to her manager on the phone.**
- c. (6:55 p.m.) **At five to seven she was putting on her green coat.**
- d. (7:20 p.m.) **At twenty past seven she was taking a taxi.**
- e. (7:45 p.m.) **At a quarter to eight she was meeting Joe at the restaurant.**

2. Write sentences with while to link two simultaneous actions.

e.g. Julie / smile / Tommy and Sally / talk to her

Julie was smiling while Tommy and Sally were talking to her.

- a. She / get out of the cab / the taxi driver / hold door
She was getting out of the cab while the taxi driver was holding the door.
- b. A man / clean windows / Julie speak to her husband
A man was cleaning the windows while Julie was speaking to her husband.
- c. The sun / shine / photographers / take photos
The sun was shining while the photographers were taking photos.
- d. Andy / talk about horses / his parents / watch TV
Andy was talking about horses while his parents were watching TV.
- e. My friends / sleep / I / do an exam
My friends were sleeping while I was doing an exam.

3. Write sentences using the past continuous.

e.g. Joe / not play / computer games / at nine o'clock last night

Joe wasn't playing computer games at nine o'clock last night.

- a. Mike and Mandy / listen / to music at the party
Mike and Mandy were listening to music at the party.
- b. My parents / not have / supper / with me / at a quarter past seven yesterday
My parents weren't having supper with me at a quarter past seven yesterday.

- c. you / watch / TV / at Nick's house / on Saturday night?
Were you watching TV at Nick's house on Saturday night?
- d. Yesterday morning / it / not rain / but / it / snow
Yesterday morning it wasn't raining but it was snowing.
- e. Sam / do / his homework / at five o'clock last Monday?
Was Sam doing his homework at five o'clock last Monday?

4. Answer the following questions. More than one answer may be correct.

- e.g. What were you doing at seven o'clock yesterday evening?
I was doing my homework. OR I was watching TV.
- a. What were you doing at half past seven this morning?
I was walking to school.
- b. Was it raining yesterday afternoon?
Yes, it was. OR No, it wasn't.
- c. What were you and your classmates studying in class at 9 a.m. yesterday?
We were studying Maths.
- d. Were your friends watching a film at 10 p.m. last Saturday night?
Yes, they were. OR No, they weren't.
- e. Where were you going after school last Wednesday?
I was going home.