Past Continuous

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| Affirmative | Negative | Interrogative |
| I  He  She was V1ing  It | I  He  She wasn’t V1ing  It | I  he  Was she V1ing?  it |
| We  You were V1ing  They | We  You weren’t V1ing  They | we  Were you V1ing?  they |
| I was working at 6.  He was reading when I came home.  She was still dancing at midnight.  It was raining when I looked out of the window.  We were watching a film at 8.  You were doing homework while they were talking over the phone. | I wasn’t working at 6.  He wasn’t reading when I came home.  She wasn’t still dancing at midnight.  It wasn’t raining when I looked out of the window.  We weren’t watching a film at 8.  You weren’t doing homework while they were talking over the phone. | Was I working at 6?  Was he reading when I came home?  Was she still dancing at midnight?  Was it raining when I looked out of the window?  Were we watching a film at 8?  Were you doing homework while they were talking over the phone? |

Вживання:

1. Дія, яка відбувалася, тривала у процесі, в конкретний момент часу в минулому:

At 5 o’clock yesterday evening my sister was flying from Sydney.

Last night at 1 p.m. I was preparing my speech.

John was cooking dinner when he suddenly cut his finger.

1. Одночасні дії, які тривали одночасно, у минулому:

Children were playing games, eating sweets and drinking Cola.

She was doing her makeup while she was talking over the telephone.

1. Несхвалення, нетерпіння, роздратування якоюсь дією у минулому:

He was always interrupting me when I was talking.

She was constantly losing our keys on the vocation.

1. Для опису the background of a story

The birds were singing, the sun was shining and in the cafés people were laughing and chatting. Amy sat down and took out her phone.

1. Підкреслити тривалість дії (This use is often optional and we usually use it with time expressions like 'all day' or 'all evening' or 'for hours'.):

I was working in the garden all day.

He was reading all evening.