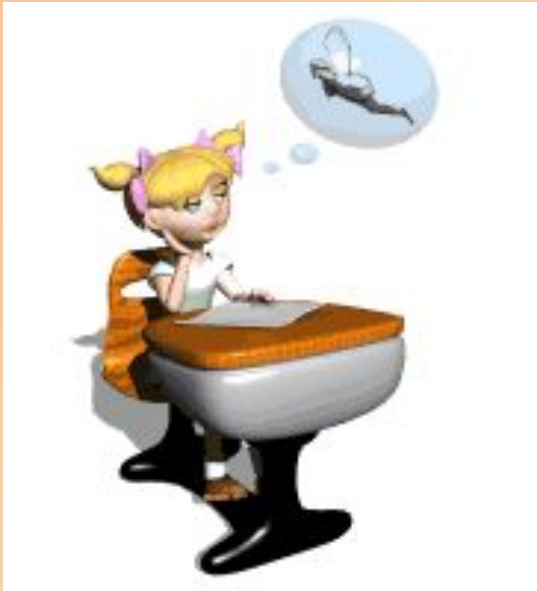


The fundamentals of English grammar



Past Continuous



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употребляется для выражения действия, происходящего в определённый момент или период времени в прошлом

I/he/she/it
you/we/they

WAS
WERE

+

V ing

Statements

- Mary **was writing** an essay at 2 o'clock yesterday.
- They **were playing** tennis from 5 till 6 yesterday.

Questions

- **Was** Mary **writing** an essay at 2 o'clock yesterday?
 - Yes, she was.
 - No, she wasn't.
- **Were** they **playing** tennis from 5 till 6 yesterday?
 - Yes, they were.
 - No, they weren't.

Negations

- Mary **wasn't writing** an essay at 2 o'clock yesterday.
- They **weren't playing** tennis from 5 till 6 yesterday.

Определённый момент времени в прошлом
может быть выражен:

Usage

конкретным временем

Sam **was repairing** his car at 5.50 p.m. yesterday

Just think. Two days ago at this time I **was lying** on
the beach in the sun.

периодом времени в прошлом

I **was reading** from 7 till 9 o'clock yesterday.

придаточным предложением

P.S.

He **was doing** his homework when I entered the room.

P.S.

When I came, my parents **were having** tea.

Подчёркивается процесс действия
в прошлом с помощью:

Usage

СОЮЗОВ while
when
as

□ While we were driving from Rome to Milan, our bus broke down.

Когда мы ехали из Рима в Милан, наш автобус сломался.

□ As I was coming here I met your brother.

Когда я шел сюда, я встретил твоего брата.

all day long
the whole evening
all the time

□ Sam was working in the garden all day long.

□ It was raining the whole evening!

annoying
action

□ She was crying all the time!