



El **PASADO CONTINUO** se utiliza para expresar acciones pasadas que estaban sucediendo en el mismo momento que otra acción pasada.

**FORMA:** PAST VERB TO BE + Verbo Principal+ ING

# PAST CONTINUOUS

**AFFIRMATIVE**

S+to be(en pasado)+ V<sup>o</sup>ing  
 I **was** playing  
 He **was** playing  
 They **were** playing

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**NEGATIVE**

S+to be(en pasado neg)+ V<sup>o</sup>ing  
 I **wasn't** playing  
 He **wasn't** playing  
 They **weren't** playing

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**INTERROGATIVE**

To be(en pasado)+S+V<sup>o</sup>ing  
**Were** you playing?  
**Was** she playing?

## Grammar in context

Choose the correct verb form to complete each sentence. Then find them in the texts on page 37 and check your answers.

- 1 We were waiting there for five hours, but I was reading / read an exciting story. ... (paragraph A)
- 2 I made some new friends and when I wasn't studying / didn't study, we spent time together. (paragraph B)
- 3 What did my friends do / were my friends doing while I was in the hotel? (paragraph C)



## REMEMBER

- We use the past continuous to talk about something that was happening over a period of time in the past:  
*I was watching TV all yesterday afternoon.*

► See Grammar reference, Unit 4, page 153

## 1 Complete the conversation using the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- Ben: I think I saw you yesterday when I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into town. Were you in a black car with your dad and your brother?
- Joe: Yes, I was.
- Ben: I'm sure there were bikes in the car, too. Where (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (you go)?
- Joe: Dad (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) to Sanders Hill. We've both got new mud bikes and Dad (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) us out to ride them

on a hill for the first time.

- Ben: Great! How was it?
- Joe: I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (do) well until my bike went over a stone.
- Ben: Were you riding too fast?
- Joe: Well, we (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (both cycle) quite fast but we (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) careful. Anyway, I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (not look) in the right place so I didn't see the stone. I hit it and fell off my bike.
- Ben: So that's why you've got a bandage on your arm today, then.
- Joe: Exactly!

## 2 Use the prompts in brackets to answer the questions.

- 1 What were you doing yesterday? (ride bike)  
*I was riding my bike yesterday.*
- 2 When was she playing music? (last night)  
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- 3 Who was studying in London last year? (James)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Were you studying in Scotland last summer? (no / sightseeing)  
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## Grammar in context

Complete the sentences with a linking word in the box. Then find them in the texts on page 37 and check your answers.

because | but | when

- 1 ... our flight was delayed \_\_\_\_\_ there was a terrible storm.
- 2 I made some new friends and \_\_\_\_\_ I wasn't studying, we spent time together.
- 3 It was raining all day \_\_\_\_\_ we had a lot of fun.



## REMEMBER

- We use linking words (*and, because, but, or, when*) to connect one phrase, clause or sentence with another.
- We can use the linking word at the beginning or the middle of the sentence:

**When** we arrived at the airport, there was a terrible storm.

► See Grammar reference, Unit 4, page 153

## 3 Complete the text using the past continuous of the verbs in brackets or a word from the box.

and | because | but | when

## AROUND THE WORLD

## IN 80 WAYS

Posts from teen travellers, telling us their experiences.



I love going to South America. Last year I went to Peru with my parents. One day, my dad (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) tired, so he stayed in the hotel, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Mum and I decided to go on a bus trip to Lake Titicaca. We left the city and we (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) through the countryside (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the bus suddenly stopped. The driver told us there was a problem with the engine. Luckily there was a café nearby where we could wait. Mum (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to Dad on the phone when a mechanic arrived. While he (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on the engine, I talked to his son, Roberto. He's a football fan, and I am too, so we had lots to talk about!

I gave him my contact details (7) \_\_\_\_\_ I really liked him. The mechanic fixed the engine, so we all got back on the bus. As we (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (leave), I waved goodbye to Roberto. When I got home, Roberto messaged me straight away. A year later and we're still in touch.

Jordan

## SAY IT RIGHT

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**Grammar in context**

Look at this sentence from the audio in the listening lesson and answer the questions.

Last week when we **were sailing**, one person **fell into the water**.

- What are the two action verbs in the sentence? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Which action was the longest? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which action happened in the middle of another action? \_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER**

- We use the past simple to say what we did and when: *I **played** a video game **last night**.*
- We use the past continuous to describe continuous actions that were happening before and after a particular time in the past:

What **were you doing** at 8 o'clock last night?  
*I **was watching** a film.*

- We use the past continuous to talk about what was happening when another action happened. We use the past simple for the other action:  
*I **was listening** to music **when** my mobile phone **rang**.*
- In stories, we use the past continuous to describe the situation and the past simple for the main things that happened:  
*The sun **was shining**, so we **decided** to go for a long walk.*

▶ See Grammar reference, Unit 4, page 154

**1 Choose the correct verb form to complete each sentence.**

- When I **arrived** / **was arriving** at the barbecue, everyone **had** / **was having** a good time.
- I **was listening** / **listened** to my favourite song when you **called** / **were calling**.
- How did you **break** / **were you breaking** your arm? Were you **running** / **Did you run** at the time?
- I **rode** / **was riding** my bike very fast and I **fell** / **was falling** off.
- Last week the police **stopped** / **were stopping** a man because he **was driving** / **drove** his car at 135 kilometres an hour.
- While I **shopped** / **was shopping** this afternoon, I **lost** / **was losing** my backpack.

**2 Complete the sentences using the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.**

- I \_\_\_\_\_ (say) hello to the tourists, but they didn't answer me because they \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at the sights.
- When we \_\_\_\_\_ (walk), we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Maria. She \_\_\_\_\_ (shop).
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) to get up today. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) outside.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) through the countryside when the car suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (stop).
- The traffic lights \_\_\_\_\_ (change) when we \_\_\_\_\_ (chat) to each other.

**3 Complete the travel blog using the past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.**

Sorry I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (not post) any blogs last week while Mum, Dad and I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) on the Uyuni Salt Flats in Bolivia. There were beautiful night skies – but there wasn't any wi-fi! I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (not stream) any video either, so I'm sending you these pictures instead. We (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (not camp) – we stayed in an old-fashioned caravan, in the middle of the salt flats. Our guide, Arturo, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) us outside when it (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to get dark, so we could see the stars. I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (look) up at the sky when at least 20 shooting stars (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) past. When we (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) lots of photos, Arturo (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (start) a fire. Soon there was hot chocolate for everyone, which (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) us warm. We stayed up all night. I (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) looking at the sky when the sun came up. It was amazing!

