



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 ^o ing	
I was playing	
He was playing	
They were playing	
NEGATIVE	
S+to be(en pasado neg)+ V ^o ing	
I wasn't playing	
He wasn't playing	
They weren't playing	
INTERROGATIVE	
To be(en pasado)+S+V ^o ing	
Were you playing?	
Was she playing?	

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GRAMMAR 1 | Past continuous, linking words

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)

- 3 Who was studying in London last year? (James)

- 4 Were you studying in Scotland last summer? (no / sightseeing)

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

Resource centre: Unit 4

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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!