

PAST CONTINUOUS

REMEMBER!

PRESENT CONTINUOUS:

Subject + Present Verb TO BE: + Main Verb(+ing)= I am writing now.
Am-Are-Is

LEARN!

PAST CONTINUOUS:

Subject + Past Verb TO BE: + Main Verb(+ing) = I was writing for 2 h.
Was (I, he, she, it)
Were (we, you, they)

We use PAST CONTINUOUS to express:

- An action in progress in the past.

They were arguing from 3 to 5 pm.

- Two simultaneous past actions, joined by **WHILE or AS**.

I was fixing my camera **while** she was planning the party.

PAST CONTINUOUS _____.

WHILE

PAST CONTINUOUS _____.

- One long action in progress in the past interrupted by another short action.

WHEN the phone rang, I was having a shower.

WHEN can introduce the short action (in Past Simple), and **WHILE/AS** can introduce the long action (in Past Continuous)

The phone rang, **WHILE I was having** a shower.

While + Past Continuous-----

OR

When + Past Simple-----

You can use either **While + Past Continuous**, or **When + Past Simple**. When the **WHEN/WHILE** sentence is the first one, you have to use a **“,”** before the second one.

AFFIRMATIVE: Subject +Past Verb TO BE:WAS/WERE+ Main Verb(+ing)= I was writing for 2 h.

NEGATIVE: Subject +Past negative Verb TO BE:WASN'T/WEREN'T+ Main Verb(+ing)= I wasn't writing for 2 h.

INTERROGATIVE: Past negative Verb TO BE:WASN'T/WEREN'T+ SUBJECT + Main Verb(+ing)= I wasn't writing for 2 h.

SHORT ANSWER: YES, I WAS/ NO, I WASN'T.