



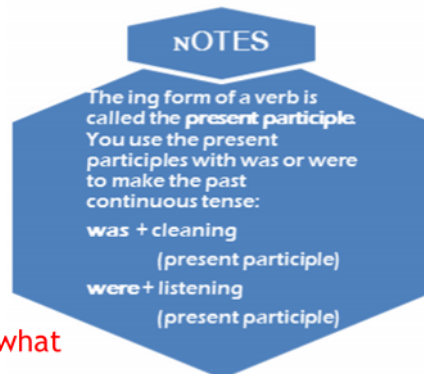
## 2. PAST CONTINUOUS tense (P.C.t)

### A. USAGES:

- We use '**Past Continuous Tense**' to talk about actions that were happening in the past and had not stopped happening. They were continuing.

To make the past continuous tense, uses **was** or **were** and a verb that ends in **ing**.

- She **was finishing** her homework.
- You **weren't listening** to the teacher.
- Some girls **were looking** out of the window.
- Jenny **was tidying** the classroom.
- Dad **was cooking** our dinner.
- Mom **was answering** the phone.
- We **were** all **dancing** at the party.



- We can also use '**past continuous tense**' to say what **was happening when something else happened**.

Sam **was doing** his English homework when the phone rang.

Mom **was cooking** our lunch when I got home.

When I saw Dave, he **was playing** football.

What **were** they **doing** when the bell rang?

### B. FORMS:

**+** **Positive form:**

Subjective + **was / were** + Verb. ing + (Objective).

e.g: *I **was watching** television.*  
*They **were eating** hamburger.*

**-** **Negative form:**

Sub + **was / were** + **not** + Verb. ing + (Obj).

e.g: *He **was not coming** home.*  
*Polo and Belly **were not dancing**.*

**?** **Question form:**

Was / Were + Sub + Verb. ing + (obj)?

e.g: *Was Hilly **kicking** a ball?*  
*Were Lila and Mina **walking** to school?*

**A** **Short Answer:**

Yes, + Sub + **was / were**.  
No, + Sub + **was / were** + **not**.

e.g: Yes, he was. No, he was not. (No, he wasn't.)  
Yes, they were. No, they were not. (No, they weren't.)



## Grammatical Detail pRaCTiCe

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### ► Verbs end in e we drop e then add ing to make present participles.

Infinitive verbs	Present participles
-live	- living
-come	- coming
-dance	- dancing
-smile	- smiling
-smite	- smiting
-type	- typing



### ► Most verbs we just add ing to make present participles (verb.ing).

Infinitive verbs	Present participles	Infinitive verbs	Present participles
- walk	- walking	- clean	- cleaning
- fix	- fixing	- play	- playing
- stand	- standing	- stay	- staying
- kick	- kicking	- cry	- crying
- sleep	- sleeping	- study	- studying
- speak	- speaking	- listen	- listening

### ► Verbs have one syllable and consist one vowel + one consonant, we have to double consonant then add ing to make present participle (verb.ing).

Infinitive verbs	Present participles
- sit	- sitting
- plan	- planning
- swim	- swimming
- fit	- fitting
- stop	- stopping
- run	- running



### ► Some common verbs can't use with ing form because they are non-action verbs. All these verbs can not with past continuous tense.

- |                  |                          |                |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| ○ <i>dislike</i> | ○ <i>believe</i>         | ○ <i>hear</i>  |
| ○ <i>hate</i>    | ○ <i>know</i>            | ○ <i>see</i>   |
| ○ <i>like</i>    | ○ <i>think (believe)</i> | ○ <i>smell</i> |
| ○ <i>love</i>    | ○ <i>understand</i>      | ○ <i>taste</i> |
| ○ <i>need</i>    |                          |                |
| ○ <i>want</i>    |                          |                |

**Ex:** I and my parents were thirsty.

We wanted some water.

**Not:** We were ~~wanting~~ some water.







## ® PRACTICE EXERCISES:

## ★ Complete the gaps with verbs in the parentheses.

- When I got home, my mother was cooking (cook) lunch.
- Dave ate snack while everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (dance).
- Pella and Sera \_\_\_\_\_ (go) home.
- My dog \_\_\_\_\_ (run) when the rain fell down.
- The police went there while people \_\_\_\_\_ (cut) the trees.
- When the teacher arrived, the students \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) on the chair.

## ★ Tick the correct answer of each sentence below.

- Electricity went off while I \_\_\_\_\_ my computer.  
☐ were typing    ☒ was typing    ☐ am typing    ☐ typing
- His wife called him while he \_\_\_\_\_ in the room.  
☐ working    ☐ were working    ☐ was working    ☐ am working
- They \_\_\_\_\_ pizza with their family.  
☐ is buying    ☐ were eating    ☐ was tasting    ☐ are cooking
- When Jamey arrived airport, the plane \_\_\_\_\_ off.  
☐ were taking    ☐ was stopping    ☐ was landing    ☐ was taking
- My daughter \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of books.  
☐ was listening    ☐ was speaking    ☐ was reading    ☐ was write
- My family was \_\_\_\_\_ to USA.  
☐ travelling    ☐ was travelling    ☐ were traveling    ☐ was traveled

## ★ Make the negative sentences to positive sentences. All subjects are given.

- She wasn't eating hamburger with her boyfriend.  
 ≥ You were eating hamburger with your boyfriend.
- My sister and brothers weren't dancing till twelve o'clock.  
 ≥ My friend \_\_\_\_\_
- They were not coming early.  
 ≥ Bobby and Helen \_\_\_\_\_
- The governor wasn't taxing from populations.  
 ≥ The government \_\_\_\_\_
- Children weren't drinking beer.  
 ≥ The adult \_\_\_\_\_
- A lot of people weren't waiting for the train.  
 ≥ Kids \_\_\_\_\_





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## ★ Create the question sentences from the answer is given by using Where, How, What, Who.

1. Where was she visiting?  
≥ She was visiting Hong Kong.
2. ....?  
≥ They were eating bread.
3. ....?  
≥ We were swimming with Paula.
4. ....?  
≥ He was coming by train.
5. ....?  
≥ Snake was biting a frog.
6. ....?  
≥ Crocodiles were walking on the land on feet.



## ★ Cross the mistake and correct it of each sentence below.

1. They ~~was~~ eating rice in dining room. They were eating rice in dining room.
2. Hal and Hun were come here by bus. ....
3. Carty was driving car with me. ....
4. Karla weren't running with them. ....
5. Did you working in your office? ....
6. She wan't speaking on phone. ....
7. He and his wife were cook together. ....
8. Were we talk with our manager? ....
9. Did he walking to school with her? ....
10. Limy wasn't taking the bath. ....
11. They were have breakfast. ....

## ★ Match the questions with the answers are given below.

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| a. Why were they drinking beer? | <u>d</u> He was travelling to U.K.     |
| b. What was Tomas doing?        | <u>      </u> They were coming by bus. |
| c. Where were we going?         | <u>      </u> Because they were sad.   |
| d. Where was he travelling?     | <u>      </u> He was typing email.     |
| e. How were they coming here?   | <u>      </u> We were going home.      |
| f. What were you eating?        | <u>      </u> I was eating cake.       |

## ★ Complete a short story by using the correct verb BE in past continuous.

One day there was a pretty girl, Elisha, \_\_\_\_\_ going to USA. When she arrived there, the governor and a lot of people \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for her. She had an opportunity to go there because she was an outstanding student in her country who the government \_\_\_\_\_ allowing to her for studying at United State. Six months later, she also became an outstanding student there. She \_\_\_\_\_ really intelligent and smart. The government in United State \_\_\_\_\_ considering to ask her for working in the standard company there.





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### ☀ Take the phrase to the complete the sentences below.

water and coke	at super market	in the Tonle Basac restaurant
in the swimming pool	to their homeland	to radio with him
his girlfriend	about her future	<del>for our family</del>
television with my nephew	on the chair	

1. We were waiting for our family.
2. They weren't visiting .....
3. Sophia was swimming .....
4. Dave and David were drinking .....
5. Were you buying something.....?
6. At about eight last week we were eating buffet .....
7. She was dreaming .....
8. Elisha and Sam Eam were listening .....
9. All children were sitting .....
10. I wasn't watching .....
11. He was kissing .....

### ☀ Choose the correct subject to complete the sentence.

Teacher	<del>Phillip and Peter</del>	Sarah	Mom and I
My daddy	Mathew		

- a. Phillip and Peter were riding a bike to their countryside.
- b. .... was singing her beautiful song.
- c. .... was learning how to drive a car with his friends.
- d. .... was reading the book with me.
- e. .... were sleeping on our boat in the pond.
- f. .... was teaching his students about past continuous.

### ☀ Put the parts of the sentence order.

1. new shoes / buying / Thana / at / the / was / Sorya super market/ her  
⇒ Thana was buying her new shoes at the Sorya super market.
2. taking / William / the / was / photos/ with / his girlfriend / not  
⇒ .....
3. Were / off / they / computer? / shutting / their  
⇒ .....
4. He / his / was / television / mom / watching / home / arrived  
⇒ .....
5. while / The / was / ring / cooking / she / phone / didn't  
⇒ .....
6. road / walking / I / on / the / was / the / fell / rain / while / down  
⇒ .....







✦ Correct past continuous tense to past simple tense of each sentence.

1. Sarah and I were wanting some water.  
⇒ Sarah and I wanted some water.
2. Dave and David were believing in Jesus Christ.  
⇒ .....
3. Mathew was needing clothes yesterday.  
⇒ .....
4. Mark and Luke weren't disliking their fellowship.  
⇒ .....
5. Adam was understanding what I was explaining him.  
⇒ .....
6. Was Eve knowing about that information?  
⇒ .....
7. Abraham wasn't hating his son.  
⇒ .....
8. Rachel and Jacob weren't seeing a small fish in the water.  
⇒ .....
9. Was Marry hearing the sound there?  
⇒ .....
10. He and his daughter were smelling soup.  
⇒ .....
11. They weren't tasting those food.  
⇒ .....
12. She was loving her brother in law.  
⇒ .....

✦ Please use verbs below to make sentences in past continuous tense.

live	cry	do	start	find	climb
fly	take off	turn off	process	flow	speak

- a. A baby was crying loudly in the room.
- b. ....
- c. ....
- d. ....
- e. ....
- f. ....
- g. ....
- h. ....
- i. ....
- j. ....
- k. ....
- l. ....