

# PAST CONTINUOUS

## Part I: Introduction

The Past Continuous is a verb tense that we use to talk about actions that were happening at a specific moment in the past.



- I was changing the lightbulb in the hallway.
- I wasn't changing the lightbulb.
- Was I changing the lightbulb?
  - Yes, I was. / Yes, you were
  - No, I wasn't. / No, you weren't.
- Where was I changing the lightbulb?
  - In the hallway.



- The audience was clapping throughout the performance.
- The audience wasn't clapping.
- Was the audience clapping?
  - Yes, they were.
  - No, they weren't.
- How long was the audience clapping?
  - Throughout the performance.



- The students were answering the questions during the review.
- The students weren't answering the questions.
- Were the students answering the questions?
  - Yes, they were.
  - No, they weren't.
- What were the students doing during the review?
  - Answering questions.



- My sister was climbing the rock wall at the gym.
- My sister wasn't climbing.
- Was she climbing?
  - Yes, she was.
  - No, she wasn't.
- Who was climbing the rock wall?
  - My sister.



- You were coughing so loudly that people started to notice.
- You weren't coughing so loudly.
- Were you coughing so loudly?
  - Yes, you were. / Yes, I was.
  - No, you weren't. / No, I wasn't.
- How were you coughing?
  - Too loudly.



- Mom was counting the money because she had to pay the bills.
- Mom wasn't counting the money.
- Was Mom counting the money?
  - Yes, she was.
  - No, she wasn't.
- Why was Mom counting the money?
  - Because she had to pay the bills.



- The kids were enjoying the birthday party.
- The kids weren't enjoying the birthday party.
- Were the kids enjoying the birthday party?
  - Yes, they were.
  - No, they weren't.
- What were the kids enjoying?
  - The birthday party.



- The baby was crying at midnight.
- The baby wasn't crying at midnight.
- Was the baby crying at midnight?
  - Yes, he was.
  - No, he wasn't.
- When was the baby crying?
  - At midnight.

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