

# Past Continuous Tense Interactive Worksheet

# **Answers**

In order to complete this worksheet, you should watch the grammar video about the past continuous tense in English. You should complete this worksheet at the same time as watching the video.

#### **EXERCISE A**

Complete the table below. In column 1, you should write the situation when the past continuous tense can be used. In column 2, you should draw a timeline and in column 3, you should write an example sentence to demonstrate this use. The first situation has been given.

Situation	Timeline	Example Sentence
Long action	MORNING  started finished NOW raining raining	It was raining all morning
2 actions	COOKING  WATCHING TV  NOW	I was cooking whilst he was watching TV.

Situation	Timeline	Example Sentence
Before/After Structure	7 <sub>pm</sub> Now	It was 7pm and I was having dinner.
Setting the Scene	TREES BLOWING WIND HOWLING HOUSE SHAKING	It was raining outside, the trees were blowing in the wind, the wind was howling down the chimney and the house was shaking.
Change and Growth	Age 3 Age 4 NOW 90cm 100cm	They were getting tall quickly
To Wonder		I was wondering if you'd like to go out with me?

# **EXERCISE B**

There are 3 parts required to form the past continuous tense in the affirmative. Write these parts in the correct boxes below.

PART 1
SUBJECT

PART 2
VERB TO BE

PART 3
PRESENT PARTICIPLE

#### **EXERCISE C**

Fill in the table below showing the verb "to read" in the affirmative of the past continuous tense. In column 1, you can see the subject. In column 2, you should write the full form of the past continuous.

TO READ	Past Continuous
I	was reading
You	were reading
He/She/It	was reading
We	were reading
They	were reading

## **EXERCISE D**

There are 3 parts required to form the past continuous tense in the negative. Write these parts in the correct boxes below.

PART 1
SUBJECT

PART 2
VERB TO BE

PART 3
PRESENT PARTICIPLE

### **EXERCISE E**

Fill in the table below showing the verb "to read" in the negative of the past continuous tense. In column 1, you can see the subject. In column 2, you should write the full form of the past continuous. In column 3, you should write the contracted form of the past continuous.

TO READ	Full Form	Contracted Form
I	was not reading	wasn't reading
You	were not reading	weren't reading
He/She/It	was not reading	wasn't reading
We	were not reading	weren't reading
They	were not reading	weren't reading

# **EXERCISE F**

There are 2 question forms in the past continuous tense. What are these?

- a) Question word + was/were + subject + present participle
- b) Was/were + subject + present participle

# **EXERCISE G**

If I ask the question "were you watching the TV?" there are two possible ways to respond. Fill in the gaps below to show the possible responses.

Yes	Subject	Verb To Be
	1	was
	you	were
	he/she/lt	was
	we	were
	they	were

No	Subject	Verb To Be
	1	wasn't
	you	weren't
	he/she/lt	wasn't
	we	weren't
	they	weren't