

Progressive Tense

Construction: was / were + verb ing

Functions: 1. To express an action continuing at a specific point in the past

Example: When I was 10, Alice was sitting on the floor and reading.

2. To describe an action that repeatedly happened in the past

Example: Mary was running through the park all day long.

3. To express a change of mind or to make a polite request using "wonder," "think," "hope"

Example: I was thinking we could have a quiet night in.

Example: I was wondering if you could help me with my homework.

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Complete the sentences.

- 1) I _____ (look) at the sky when the church bell rang.
- 2) She _____ (practice) the piano every day for hours.
- 3) At 9 a.m. yesterday, I _____ (run) to school.
- 4) I _____ (have) a headache when I got up.
- 5) I _____ (read) a book when my father gave me the ice cream.
- 6) I _____ (go) to work instead of staying home.
- 7) Mia _____ (bake) a cake when the doorbell rang.
- 8) We _____ (wonder) if we could have a few extra sessions with you.

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