

PAST CONTINUOUS

What was he doing?

EXAMPLES FROM THE TEXT PAG.44

Were you playing football?

(STAVI GIOCANDO?)

No, I wasn't.

(NO)

We were taking the rubbish out.

(STAVAMO PORTANDO FUORI LA SPAZZATURA)

I was pushing the bin.

(STAVO SPINGENDO IL CESTINO)

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FORM:

WAS / WERE + -ING FORM

What was he doing?

USE:

Il Past Continuous si usa per parlare di un'azione in corso di svolgimento in un certo momento del passato.

WHILE



- Quando voglio indicare la simultaneità di due azioni, uso **WHILE** (= mentre)

EXAMPLE:

Last week, on Thursday, at 10 p.m.



*some classmates **were visiting** London **while** other ones **were visiting** Canoe Club in Verona.*

WHEN



- Quando voglio indicare che un'azione in corso è stata interrotta da un altro evento, uso **WHEN** (= quando) e il verbo al Simple Past.

EXAMPLE:

*I was having a beautiful dream **when** the alarm clock rang.*

Let's practice!

1. What were you doing yesterday at 3 p.m.?

- Ask your mate what he/she was doing yesterday at 3 p.m.
- Then write a sentence...

*Yesterday at 3 p.m. I was watching TV **while** my friend Roberto was playing volleyball.*

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2. “When” Game - interruption

- You need a sheet of paper.
- Start writing at the top of the paper. Form a sentence with the verb the teacher gives you. Use the Past Continuous.
- Fold the written part of the paper and pass it to your friend.
- On the new paper write a sentence which starts with **when** and the subject the teacher gives you. Use the Simple Past.

Example:

*I was **cutting** tomatoes **when** Mum **called** me.*

- *Fold again and go on, creating a story.*