



Past Continuous – Exercise Sheet Exercise 2



Exercise 1: Gap-Fill (Using the Correct Form of Past Continuous)

Instructions: Complete the sentences using the correct **Past Continuous** form of the verb in brackets.

1. She _____ (watch) TV when her mother called.
2. We _____ (not/sleep) when the phone rang.
3. _____ he _____ (study) when you arrived?
4. They _____ (play) football when it started to rain.
5. I _____ (not/listen) to music when she knocked on the door.
6. _____ you _____ (talk) on the phone at 8 p.m.?
7. My friends _____ (dance) at the party when I left.
8. He _____ (not/work) at that time; he was relaxing.
9. _____ she _____ (cook) dinner when you got home?
10. The sun _____ (shine) when we left the house.



Key Focus:

- **Past Continuous structure:** *was/were + verb-ing*
 - **Time markers:** *while, when, at that time, at 8 p.m.*
 - **Question structure:** *Was/Were + subject + verb-ing?*
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✓ Exercise 2: Error Correction (Fixing Mistakes in Past Continuous Sentences)

Instructions: Each sentence below contains a mistake with **Past Continuous**. Identify and correct the errors.

1. ✗ They was playing football when it started to rain.
✓ _____.
2. ✗ She weren't listening to the teacher.
✓ _____.
3. ✗ While I talked on the phone, my brother was shouting.
✓ _____.
4. ✗ He didn't watching TV when you called.
✓ _____.
5. ✗ We was not sleeping when the baby cried.
✓ _____.
6. ✗ What was you doing at 7 p.m.?
✓ _____.
7. ✗ She watching a movie when I arrived.
✓ _____.
8. ✗ While they played music, the dog was barking.
✓ _____.
9. ✗ My parents wasn't working because they was on holiday.
✓ _____.
10. ✗ I were cooking when the guests arrived.
✓ _____.

📌 Key Focus:

- Use "was" with singular subjects & "were" with plural subjects (*I was, you were, he/she/it was, we/they were*).
- **Past Continuous** requires "was/were + verb-ing" (*She was watching, not "She watching" or "She watched" in this context*).
- Use "while" for ongoing actions, "when" for interruptions (*While I was talking, my brother was shouting*).