

Past Continuous

INTERRUPTED

I was walking when I saw Mary. ♦ action in progress

BACKGROUND

The birds were singing. ♦ setting a scene

REPEATED

She was always dancing around. ♦ annoying habit

FORMATION

verb to be (past) + ING

She was working · They were sleeping

♦ AFFIRMATIVE · QUESTION · NEGATIVE

auxiliary main verb

Affirmative	Question	Negative
He was <u>drinking</u> water.	Was he <u>drinking</u> water?	He wasn't <u>drinking</u> water.
She was <u>driving</u> a car.	Was she <u>driving</u> a car?	She wasn't <u>driving</u> a car.
The kids were <u>playing</u> .	Were the kids <u>playing</u> ?	The kids weren't <u>playing</u> .
The boy was <u>smiling</u> .	Was the boy <u>smiling</u> ?	The boy wasn't <u>smiling</u> .

♦ ADVERBS USED WITH PAST CONTINUOUS

at that time

in those days

when...

while...

always

constantly

CONTRACTIONS

was not = wasn't ♦ were not = weren't