

Understanding the Past Continuous Tense Exercises & Corrections

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Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct past continuous form of the verb in parentheses.

1. I **was reading** a book at 7 p.m. last night.
2. He **was not working** when I called him.
3. While we **were watching** a movie, the lights went out.
4. They **were playing** soccer when it started raining.
5. She **was studying** for the exam all night.

Exercise 2: Correct the mistakes in these sentences:

1. I was playing soccer when he **called** me.
2. He **was reading** when the teacher entered.
3. We **weren't eating** when the phone rang.
4. They **were watching** a movie at 9 p.m.
5. I **wasn't working** yesterday when you called.

Exercise 3: Write questions in the past continuous:

1. **Were you sleeping** when I knocked on your door?
2. **Were they playing** tennis at 10 a.m. yesterday?
3. **Was she studying** when you visited her?
4. **Were we eating** when the phone rang?
5. **Was he watching** TV when the power went off?