

Exercise 1

Complete the following sentences in the past continuous tense.

1. While the music **was playing** (play), the baby **was crying** (cry).
2. While I **was eating** (eat), George **was staring** (stare) at me angrily.
3. When I **was singing** (sing) in the competition, I forgot the words.
4. While you **were working** (work), I **was catching** (catch) this fish.
5. While she **was dancing** (dance), somebody stole her bag.
6. While we **were praying** (pray) in church, you **were having** (have) fun in the park.
7. While Jacob **was feeling** (feel) wonderful, Paul **was crying** (cry).
8. Emily **was not having** (not have) a bath when Jack rang the doorbell.
9. I **was putting** (put) on my tennis clothes when it started to rain.
10. We **were looking** (look) for the dog when somebody found him in their garage.

Exercise 2

Complete the following sentences in the past continuous tense.

1. I **was cooking** (cook) all evening.
2. She **was not driving** (not drive) all night.
3. We **were laughing** (laugh) all the way there.
4. They **were dancing** (dance) like nobody was watching.
5. You **were not behaving** (not behave) properly all lesson.
6. The dog **was barking** (bark) all day.
7. Henry **was fainting** (faint) twice a day all week.
8. We **were searching** (search) for you all morning!

Exercise 3

Some of the following sentences contain a mistake. If the sentence is correct, put a tick in the box. If the sentence is incorrect, underline the mistake and write the correct words in the box.

1. My dad <u>were</u> helping me with my homework.	was
2. We were staying in a beautiful hotel.	✓
3. She <u>did</u> not asking for help while she was struggling.	was
4. They were <u>make</u> dinner when the rain started.	making
5. Tom was not living here in 2008.	✓
6. I knew what to say.	✓
7. You <u>wasn't</u> trying very hard.	weren't
8. At 6pm yesterday, they weren't talking to each other.	✓
9. I was having dinner when the phone rang.	✓
10. It did not <u>snowing</u> at 9am this morning.	snow

Exercise 4

Negate the following sentences.

- At 6pm this evening, I was watching television.
At 6pm this evening, I was not / wasn't watching television.
- She was riding her bike yesterday.
She was not / wasn't riding her bike yesterday.



3. My mum was showing me what to do.
My mum was not / wasn't showing me what to do.
4. We were walking very quickly.
We were not / weren't walking very quickly.
5. The children were standing still.
The children were not / weren't standing still.
6. Andy was waiting for his friends.
Andy was not / wasn't waiting for his friends.
7. We were painting our neighbour's fence.
We were not / weren't painting our neighbour's fence.
8. I was designing a new recipe for tomato soup.
I was not / wasn't designing a new recipe for tomato soup.
9. You were working very hard.
You were not / weren't working very hard.
10. The birds were singing yesterday.
The birds were not / weren't singing yesterday.

Exercise 5

Complete the following sentences with the words in brackets in either the simple past or the past continuous tense.

1. I **was staying** (stay) with my grandmother all summer.
2. **We were cleaning** (clean) the house when the guests arrived.
3. Last month, I **went** (go) on holiday to Thailand.
4. The sun **was shining** (shine) while we were walking around the park.
5. When she was a child, she **worked** (work) very hard at school.
6. The dog **ran** (run) around the garden, then fell asleep in the sun.
7. At 7am this morning, it was quiet because the children **were sleeping** (sleep).
8. The First World War **began** (begin) in 1914.
9. I **studied** (study) Japanese when I was at primary school.



10. She **was trying** (try) to do the puzzle herself when you told her the answer.

