

Past Continuous

Form (Σχηματισμός):

Subject + was / were + verb-ing
(Υποκείμενο + was / were + ρήμα-ing)

Affirmative (Κατάφαση)	Interrogative (Ερώτηση)	Negative (Άρνηση)
I / He / She / It was working	Was I / he / she / it working?	I / He / She / It was not working
We / You / They were working	Were we / you / they working?	We / You / They were not working

Use (Χρήσεις):

1. Για μια πράξη που συνέβαινε σε μία συγκεκριμένη στιγμή στο παρελθόν. Θέλουμε να δώσουμε έμφαση στη διάρκεια της πράξης.
e.g. I was watching a movie **at 10 o'clock**.
2. Για δύο ή περισσότερες πράξεις που συνέβαιναν ταυτόχρονα στο παρελθόν και είχαν διάρκεια.
e.g. My mother was talking on the phone, **while** my father was watching tv.
3. Για μια πράξη που βρισκόταν σε εξέλιξη στο παρελθόν και διακόπηκε από μια άλλη. Η πράξη που βρισκόταν σε εξέλιξη μπαίνει σε **Past Continuous**, ενώ η πράξη που τη διέκοψε μπαίνει σε **Past Simple**.
e.g. I was taking a shower **when** the phone rang.
4. Όταν μιλάμε για την ατμόσφαιρα μιας ιστορίας δηλαδή περιγράφουμε το σκηνικό στο οποίο διαδραματίζεται η ιστορία.
e.g. It was raining heavily, the wind was blowing and a dog was howling in the distance.

Key Words (Λέξεις κλειδιά): when (=όταν), while (=καθώς/ενώ)

When + short action (Past Simple)

E.g. I was eating breakfast when I felt the earthquake.

While + longer action (Past Continuous) it means during the time

E.g. While I was doing my homework my friend was riding his bike.

Fill in the gaps with the verb in Past Continuous or Past Simple

1. I (wash up) while you.....(sleep).
2. The girls (play) handball when I (arrive).
3. I (watch) TV when the phone (ring).
4. The waiter (serve) drinks when we..... (feel) the earthquake.
5. I (have a shower) when you..... (call) me on the phone.
6. She (hear) a strange noise while she..... (study) for her test.
7. What you (do) yesterday at 7:00pm?
8. She(not/play) video games when I came home, she (read) a book.
9. It was a dark, the wind(blow), the rain (pour) down and a dog (bark).
10. As I (drive) home from work I(see) an accident.