

Verbs – to be

Present	am, is, are
Past	was, were
Future	will, shall

Past continuous tense

- it refers to a continuing action or state that was happening at some point in the past.

eg: She **was talking** constantly in class in these days.



Past continuous tense (progressive / imperfect)

- sentences
- negative sentences
- questions

Subject	singular	Plural
First person	I	We
Second person	You	You
Third person	He, She, It, Name (ex: Sam)	They

a) Sentences – past continuous

Subject	to be + verb+ing	+ object
I, He, She, It, Sam (Name)	was playing	football
You, We, They	were playing	football

Example:

- i) I was playing football.
- ii) You were playing football.
- iii) We were playing football.
- iv) They were playing football.
- v) He was playing football.
- vi) She was playing football.
- vii) It was playing football.
- viii) Sam was playing football.

b) Negative sentences – past continuous

Subject	to be + not + verb+ing	+ object
I, He, She, It, Sam (Name)	was not (wasn't) going	to school
You, We, They	were not (weren't) going	to school

Example :

i) I was going to school.	i) I was not going to school.
ii) You were going to school.	ii) You were not going to school.
iii) We were going to school.	iii) We were not going to school.
iv) They were going to school.	iv) They were not going to school.
v) He was going to school.	v) He was not going to school.
vi) She was going to school.	vi) She was not going to school.
vii) It was going to school.	vii) It was not going to school.
viii) Sam was going to school.	viii) Sam was not going to school.

c) Questions – past continuous

To be + subject	verb+ing	+ object
Was I, Was he, Was she, Was it, Was Sam (Name)	singing	song
Were you, Were we, Were they	Singing	song

Example :

i) I was singing a song.	i) Was I singing a song?
ii) You were singing a song.	ii) Were you singing a song?
iii) We were singing a song.	iii) Were we singing a song?
iv) They were singing a song.	iv) Were they singing a song?
v) He was singing a song.	v) Was he singing a song?
vi) She was singing a song.	vi) Was she singing a song?
vii) It was singing a song.	vii) Was it singing a song?
viii) Sam was singing a song.	viii) Was Sam singing a song?

Write each verb in past continuous tense

1. Remo _____ (sleep) at 3'o clock.
2. You _____ (read) a passage.
3. Preethi _____ (drink) milk.
4. I _____ (work) in that office.
5. They _____ (eat) chocolates
6. _____ John _____ (play) tennis?

Write each verb in past continuous tense

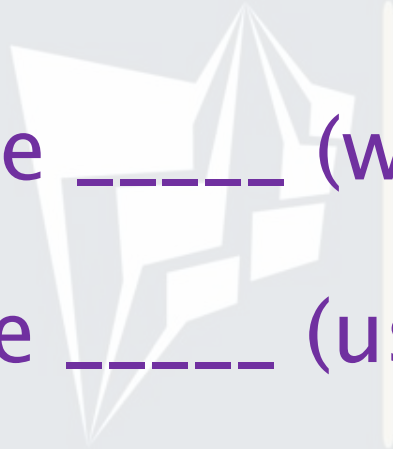
6. John _____ (play) tennis.

7. We _____ (watch) TV.

8. He _____ (use) the internet.

9. You _____ (cook) lunch.

10. We _____ (travel) to London.



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Write each verb in past continuous tense

11. Mrs Priya _____ (not walk) in the garden.

12. Tarun _____ (not work) in his study when the murder happened.

13. Banu _____ (not talk to Renu.

14. You _____ (not play) cards.

15. Gopu and Somu _____ (not eat) in the dining room.

Write each verb in past continuous tense

16. Dr.Ram _____ (not read) the books.

17. David _____ (not drink) coffee in the library.

18. The maid _____ (not clean) the bedroom.

19. I _____ (not listen) to music.

20. The dogs _____ (not play) outside.

Underline the verb in each sentence and form question in past continuous tense

1. _____ (Alan / dance)?

eg. Was Alan dancing?

2. _____ (Supriya / drink milk)?

3. _____ (John and Anitha / sing)?

4. _____ (Lohith / talk to his teacher)

5. _____ (Gautham / write on the paper)?

Underline the verb in each sentence and form question in past continuous tense

6. _____ (we / cook)?

7. _____ (Madhu / play the guitar)?

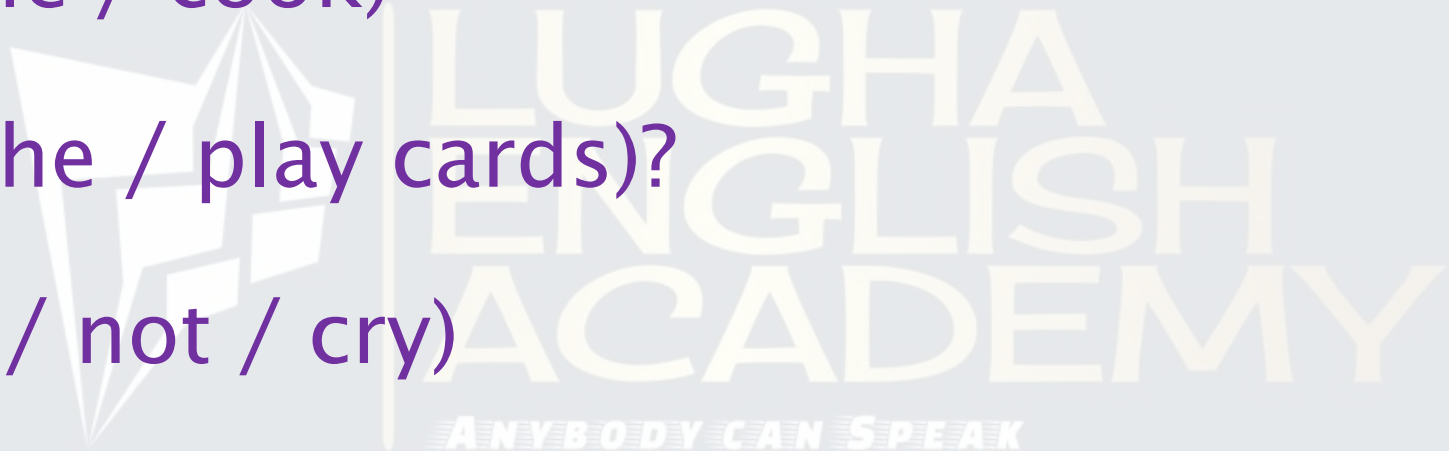
8. _____ (David / read a book)?

9. _____ (Hari / sit in the corner)?

10. What _____ (you / do)?

Make the correct form of the past continuous tense

1. (he / cook)
2. (she / play cards)?
3. (I / not / cry)
4. (you / not / feel well)
5. (she / not / sleep at midnight)



Make the correct form of the past continuous tense

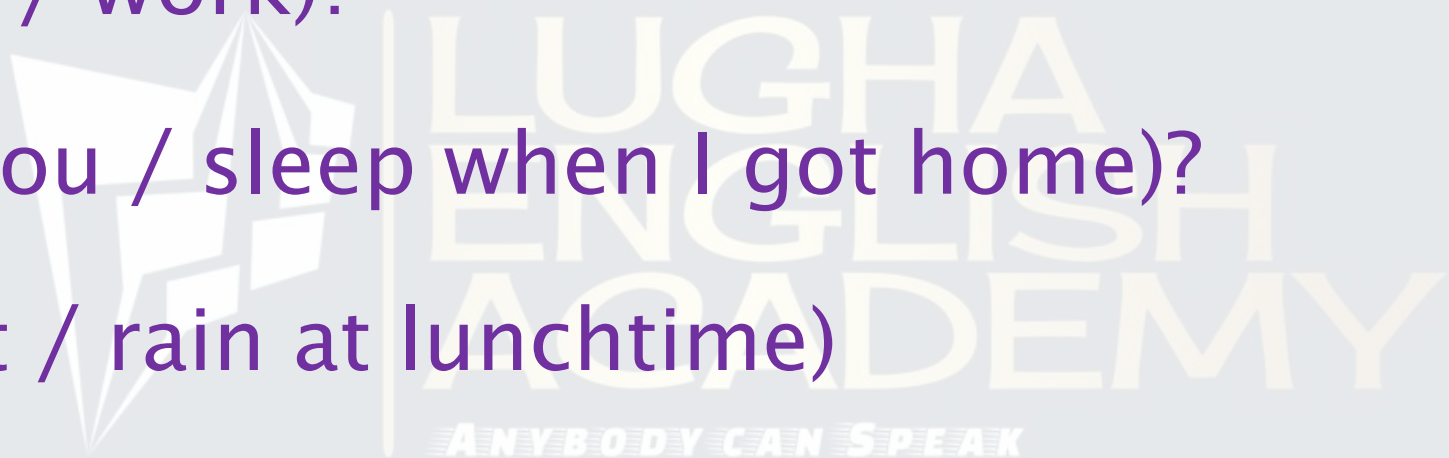
6. (I / work)?

7. (you / sleep when I got home)?

8. (It / rain at lunchtime)

9. (what / you / do)?

10. (you / not / read)



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- What were you doing ten minutes ago?
- What were you doing half an hour ago?
- What were you doing five hours ago?
- What were you doing at seven o'clock this morning?
- What were you thinking about few minutes ago?
- Were you watching TV last night?
- Was it raining a few hours ago? Was it snowing?
- What was our teacher saying a few minutes ago?
- Were we studying English an hour ago?
- What were you doing at midnight last night?
- What were you doing at noon yesterday?
- Who were you talking to a few minutes ago?
- What was our teacher doing a few minutes ago?
- What were you doing at seven o'clock last night?
- What were you doing at ten o'clock yesterday morning?
- What do you think I was doing three hours ago?