

2 All Clear Basics

Grammar

Past simple and past continuous

Past continuous

Affirmative	Negative
I was reading	I wasn't reading
You were reading	You weren't reading
He was reading	He wasn't reading
She was reading	She wasn't reading
We were reading	We weren't reading
You were reading	You weren't reading
They were reading	They weren't reading

Look!

Was I / he / she reading?
 Yes, I / he / she was. / No, I / he / she wasn't.
 Were we / you / they reading?
 Yes, we / you / they were. / No, we / you / they weren't.

1 Complete the sentences with *was/wasn't* and *were/weren't*.

- I was doing my homework at 8 pm.
- My best friend _____ worrying about his chemistry exam.
 - We _____ looking forward to David's birthday party.
 - You _____ (not) reading a comic.
 - My brother _____ (not) waiting for me.
 - My friends _____ talking about a film.
 - I _____ (not) eating my breakfast at 9 am.

2 Write complete sentences. Use the prompts and the past continuous.

- He / watch TV / at 6 pm.
 He was watching TV at 6 pm.
- They / not have dinner / in the kitchen.
 They _____ in the kitchen.
 - I / not argue / with my best friend.
 I _____ with my best friend.
 - Tom / do his homework / after dinner.
 Tom _____ after dinner.
 - You / sleep / when I got home.
 You _____ when I got home.
 - She / not have a good time / at the party.
 She _____ at the party.

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

phoned saw was climbing was studying
 were cleaning

He was climbing a tree when he had an accident.

- I was going to the cinema when I _____ my best friend.
- While they _____ the house they found some money.
- We weren't at home when you _____.
- My brother dropped out of university while he _____ chemistry.

4 Circle the correct words.

I walked / was walking into the bathroom while my grandma was having a bath.

- While I did / was doing an exam, my phone rang.
- She was swimming when she saw / was seeing a shark.
- When the teacher came into the classroom, I talked / was talking to my best friend.
- I fell / was falling asleep while I was reading the book.

5 Complete the questions.

Did you have Did the phone ring Were you doing
 Were you listening Were you living

Were you doing your homework when your mum came home?

- _____ an accident while you were walking home?
- _____ to music when your English class started?
- _____ while you were having breakfast?
- _____ here when you met your best friend?

EXTRA!

Write answers to the questions in exercise 5 for you.
 Use your notebook.

No, I wasn't. I was watching TV.