

PAST CONTINUOUS

A2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Writing | 20-30 minutes

Complete questions, write your answers and put words in order.

EXAMPLE

Question: What **were** you **doing** at eight last night?

Answer: I **was cooking** dinner.

Remember: was / were + verb-ing: an action in progress at a past time.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete each question with was or were and the -ing form. Then answer.

1. What _____ you _____ at eight last night? (do)

Answer: _____

2. _____ you _____ at midnight last night? (sleep)

Answer: _____

3. What _____ you _____ at lunchtime yesterday? (eat)

Answer: _____

4. _____ your friend _____ at nine yesterday? (work)

Answer: _____

5. Where _____ you _____ at six yesterday? (sit)

Answer: _____

6. What _____ you _____ yesterday afternoon? (wear)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. at seven / were / you / what / doing

2. raining / was / it / last night

3. were / talking to / you / who

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Listen to their answers.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

The missing words are shown below. These are sample answers; personal answers will vary.

1. were / doing - What were you doing at eight last night?

Sample answer: I was cooking dinner at eight last night.

2. Were / sleeping - Were you sleeping at midnight last night?

Sample answer: Yes, I was sleeping at midnight.

3. were / eating - What were you eating at lunchtime yesterday?

Sample answer: I was eating a sandwich.

4. Was / working - Was your friend working at nine yesterday?

Sample answer: Yes, my friend was working at nine.

5. were / sitting - Where were you sitting at six yesterday?

Sample answer: I was sitting on the sofa.

6. were / wearing - What were you wearing yesterday afternoon?

Sample answer: I was wearing jeans yesterday afternoon.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. What were you doing at seven?

2. Was it raining last night?

3. Who were you talking to?

TEACHER NOTES

Use was with I / he / she / it and were with you / we / they. Check -ing spelling.

B: Accept other natural grammatical orders using all the words.

Time phrases/adverbs may move where natural. Check meaning and punctuation.

Accept correct full forms and contractions in personal answers.

Check question word order, capitals and question marks in B.