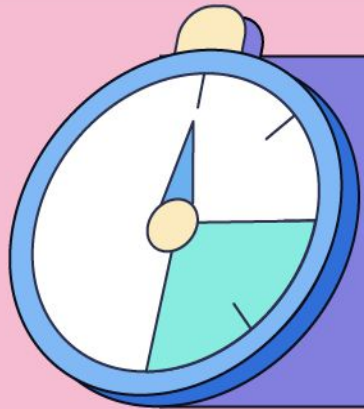


Past



Continuous

Past Continuous

Affirmative Form

I
He
She
It

→ To be verb

Was + **crying**

Present continuous form

We
You
They

were + **driving**

Interrogative Form

TO BE + SUBJECT + MAIN VERB_ING?

→ Examples:

Were they **driving** ?

Was I **crying** ?

Past Continuous



PAST SIMPLE
+
PAST CONTINUOUS



past simple + **WHILE** + past continuous

my mum **entered** to my room while I **was studying**

past continuous + **WHEN** + past simple

I **was studying** when my mum **entered** to my room

USE: something that **was happening continuously** in the past when another action **interrupted** it.

"El pesao nos corta la acción"

WHILE:
during the
time

WHEN:
at the time

Past Continuous

Form

was/were + verb-ing

Remember: usually **STATIVE VERBS** are **NOT** used in the progressive (-ing) form

Interrupted action in the past

*They **were waiting** for the train when I spoke to them.*

Past habit

*My mom **was always complaining** about my room when she got there.*

Use

Parallel actions

*I **was studying** while my brother **was watching TV**.*

Specific time as an interruption

*Last night at 6 p.m., I **was eating** dinner.*

Past Continuous

A series of parallel actions

*When I came to the school, the school bell **was ringing**, many students **were running** towards the garden, teachers **were going out** from classrooms.*

Emphasis of length of action

*- I **was working** in the garden all day.
- She **was preparing** the meal all the morning.*

Use

Story background

*While I **was driving** to work yesterday...*

Arrangement in the past

*I was upset because I **was leaving** this place that morning.*

Past Continuous

Time Markers

*when, while, always, constantly, at that time,
in those days, all day, all the morning, all
evening, for hours, at this time...*

