

A. Introduction & Usage

- It is 6 o'clock now. **Sunita** is at home. She **is watching** television.
- At 4 o'clock she **wasn't** at home. She **was** at the sports club.
- She **was playing** tennis. She **wasn't watching** television.

TIMELINE CONTEXT

3.00: Began playing

4.00: She was playing

4.30: Stopped playing

B. Structure Tables & Examples

was/were + -ing is the past continuous:

POSITIVE		NEGATIVE	
I / he / she / it	was doing / watching / playing / running / living etc.	I / he / she / it	was not (wasn't) doing / watching etc.
we / you / they	were doing / watching / playing / running / living etc.	we / you / they	were not (weren't) doing / watching etc.

QUESTION

Was (I / he / she / it) doing? / **Were** (we / you / they) doing? (watching / playing / running / living etc.)

- What **were** you **doing** at 11.30 yesterday? **Were** you **working**?
- 'What did he say?' → 'I don't know. I **wasn't listening**.'
- It **was raining**, so we didn't go out.
- In 1985 we **were living** in Canada.
- Today she's wearing a skirt, but yesterday she **was wearing** trousers.
- I woke up early yesterday. The sun **was shining** and birds **were singing**.

Spelling: live → living / run → running / lie → lying etc.

C. Present vs. Past Continuous

am/is/are + -ing (present) → **was/were + -ing** (past):

- I'm **working** (now). → I **was working** at 10.30 last night.
- It **isn't raining** (now). → It **wasn't raining** when we went out.
- What **are** you **doing** (now)? → What **were** you **doing** at three o'clock?