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| **Continuous Tenses: Past**  |
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| **FORM:** |   Example: (walk) I was walking We were walking You were walking You were walking She was walking They were walking He was walking  It was walking | The **“past progressive”** is formed by the past tense of “to be” (was/were) and (-ing) of the main verb. |
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| **USE:** | The **“continuous”**/ **“progressive”** (both names are used) describes an action which is not finished, or was continuing, at a specific time. It can also be combined with another action introduced by words like “when” or “while”. |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *I was drinking a coffee at 8:00 a.m.**I was sleeping like a baby when the alarm clock rang this morning.**You were working, while she was sleeping.* |

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| *Use the PAST TENSE or the PAST CONTINUOUS tense form of the verbs in parentheses as required by the meaning.* |

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| 1. | The birds \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sing) when I woke up this morning. |
| 2. | I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) two books and one magazine last week. |
| 3. | John \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) home last night by bus. |
| 4. | The baby\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (take) a nap when her father picked her up. |
| 5. | Naomi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (come) to work on her bike this morning. |
| 6. | I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) last night when you called me.  |
| 7. | Colleen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) her guitar while Bob\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(sleep). |
| 8. | They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (drive) to a “heavy metal” concert at 7:00 p.m. last night. |
| 9. | It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rain) hard when I left the office. |
| 10. | We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the zoo yesterday. |

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| *Create sentences using the following ideas. Use the PAST CONTINUOUS.* |

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| 1. | to travel in Europe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 2. | to sleep soundly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3. | to talk with a friend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 4. | to order breakfast \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| *Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb.* |

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| 1. | They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) hand in hand when I saw them. |
| 2. | It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rain) when we left the movie theatre. |
| 3. | He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) at 3 o’clock yesterday afternoon. |
| 4. | When he left the office, it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (snow). |
| 5. | She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to her husband while her husband\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(eat) dinner. |

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| *Complete the following sentences, using the PAST PROGRESSIVE tense.* |

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| 1. | I (read) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 2. | The baby (sleep)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3. | They (eat) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 4. | He (work)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 5. | It (rain) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |