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**Past Progressive**

We use the past progressive to:

* Describes the course of an action in the past.

Example: He was playing football.

* Describe two actions happening at the same time in the past.

Example: While she was studying, he was watching tv.

* Describe an action that happened on a certain time in the past and that was interrupted by another action. Here we also use the past simple.

Example: When I was having breakfast, the phone suddenly rang.

The past progressive is conjugated like this:

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| I / he / she / it | **was** |
| you / we / they | **were** |

**Affirmative**

**Subject + was / were + present+ing (present participle) + complement + .**

**Examples:**

* **I was eating a cookie an hour ago.**
* **You were playing videogames last Sunday.**

**Negative:**

**Subject + was / were + not + present+ing (present participle) + complement + .**

**Examples:**

* **Paul was not coloring a picture yesterday.**
* **We were not reading a newspaper last Monday.**

We can contract the negative form of the verb be:

Was + not = wasn’t

Were + not = weren’t

**Interrogative:**

**Was / Were + subject + present+ing (present participle) + complement + ?**

**Examples:**

* **Was the dog barking loud this morning?**
* **Were they singing Emmanuel last Friday?**