

Past continuous tense exercise

The past continuous tense is used to talk about actions or events that were in progress around a particular past time. Test your knowledge of past continuous tense with this grammar exercise.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate past continuous form of the verb given in the brackets.

1. I TV at eight o'clock yesterday evening.

- am watching
- was watching
- watched

2. I all day yesterday.

- painting
- was painting
- have painted

3. They the whole time they were together.

- quarreled
- are quarreling
- were quarreling

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4. As I down the road, I saw Philip.

am walking
walked
was walking

5. The phone rang while I dinner.

am having
had
was having

6. It happened while I in Southampton last year.

lived
was living
am living

7. When I entered her room, she the piano.

played
playing

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was playing

8. When I got up this morning, the sun

.....

shining

was shining

is shining

9. At the time when it happened, I
..... to the opera a lot.

went

was going

am going

Answers

1. I was watching TV at eight o'clock yesterday evening.
2. I was painting all day yesterday.
3. They were quarreling the whole time they were together.
4. As I was walking down the road, I saw Philip.

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5. The phone rang while I was having dinner.
6. It happened while I was living in Southampton last year.
7. When I entered her room, she was playing the piano.
8. When I got up this morning, the sun was shining.
9. At the time when it happened, I was going to the opera a lot.