

Past continuous tense worksheet

Make sentences in the past continuous tense using the verb given in the brackets.

We make past continuous tense forms by putting was or were before the -ing form of the verb. Was is used with singular subjects. Were is used with plural subjects.

1. The boy _____

is sleeping

was sleeping

were sleeping

2. I _____ when the lights went out.

was reading

were reading

am reading

3. She _____ the clothes.

is washing

was washing

were washing

4. I _____ dinner when the visitors arrived.

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am cooking
was cooking
were cooking

5. Julia _____ her homework at 8 pm.

did
was doing
were doing

6. James _____ the car.

was repairing
were repairing
is repairing

7. Janet _____ for the play.

were rehearsing
is rehearsing
was rehearsing

8. Sophia _____ for the bus.

was waiting

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has waiting
were waiting

9. The birds -----

was chirping
were chirping
have chirping

10. The boys ----- their lesson.

was learning
were learning
are learning

11. She ----- dressed.

was getting
were getting
have been getting

12. He ----- for his purse.

is searching
was searching

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were researching

13. The cat ----- the mouse.

had been chasing

was chasing

were chasing

14. It -----

is raining

was raining

were raining

15. The wind ----- fiercely.

is blowing

was blowing

were blowing

16. The dogs -----

are barking

were barking

was barking

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Answers

1. The boy was sleeping.
2. I was reading when the lights went out.
3. She was washing the clothes.
4. I was cooking dinner when the visitors arrived.
5. Julia was doing her homework at 8 pm.
6. James was repairing the car.
7. Janet was rehearsing for the play.
8. Sophia was waiting for the bus.
9. The birds were chirping.
10. The boys were learning their lesson.
11. She was getting dressed.
12. He was searching for his purse.
13. The cat was chasing the mouse.
14. It was raining.
15. The wind was blowing fiercely.
16. The dogs were barking.