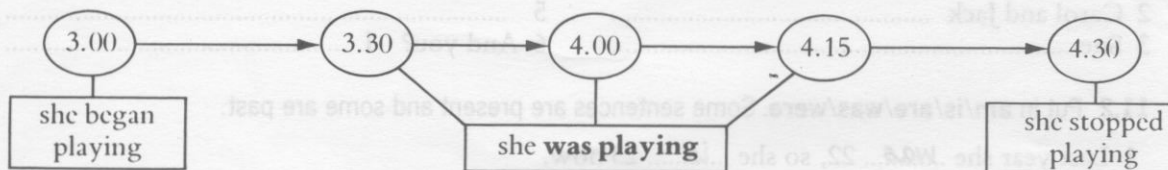
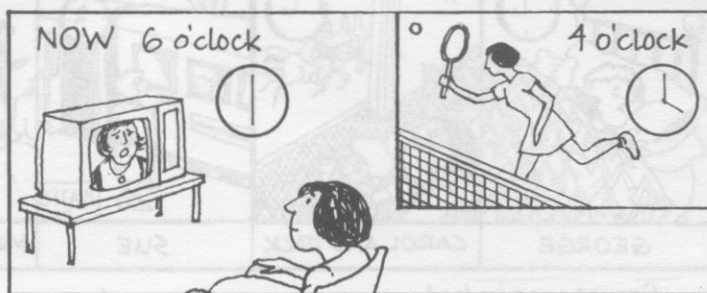


UNIT 12 I was doing (past continuous)

Now it is 6 o'clock.
Sarah **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.



■ **was/were -ing** (doing/playing/working etc.) is the *past continuous* tense:

positive

I he she it	was -ing
we you they	were -ing

negative

I he she it	was not (wasn't)	-ing
we you they	were not (weren't)	-ing

question

was	I he she it	-ing?
were	we you they	-ing?

- 'What **were** you doing at 11.30 yesterday?' 'I **was working**.'
- 'What did he say?' 'I don't know. I **wasn't** listening.'
- It **was raining**, so we didn't go out.
- In 1980 they **were living** in Canada.
- Today she's wearing a skirt, but yesterday she **was wearing** trousers.
- I woke up early yesterday. It was a beautiful morning. The sun **was shining** and the birds **were singing**.

■ **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 3 o'clock?

Spelling (make → making run → running lie → lying etc.) ▶ Appendix 4 (4.3 and 4.4)

▶ Unit 13 I was doing (*past continuous*) and I did (*past simple*)

UNIT 12 Exercises

12.1 Look at the pictures. Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon? And what were they doing? Write *two* sentences for each picture.



- 1 Ann was at home. She was watching TV.
- 2 Carol and Jack They
- 3 Tom
- 4
- 5
- 6 And you? I I

12.2 Sarah did a lot of things yesterday morning. Look at the pictures and then write a sentence for each picture.



- 1 At 9.45 she was washing her car.....
- 2 At 11.45 she
- 3 At 9 o'clock
- 4 At 12.50
- 5 At 8.15
- 6 At 10.30

12.3 Write questions. Use *was/were -ing*.

- 1 (what / Tim / do / when you saw him?) *What was Tim doing when you saw him*..... ?
- 2 (what / you / do / at 11 o'clock?) What
- 3 (what / she / wear / yesterday?)
- 4 (it / rain / when you went out?)
- 5 (where / you / live / in 1981?)

12.4 Look at the picture. You saw Joe in the street yesterday afternoon. What was he doing? Write positive or negative sentences.



- 1 (he / wear / a jacket) *He wasn't wearing a jacket*.....
- 2 (he / smoke / a pipe)
- 3 (he / carry / a bag)
- 4 (he / carry / an umbrella)
- 5 (he / go / to the dentist)
- 6 (he / wear / a hat)

UNIT 13

I was doing (past continuous) and I did (past simple)



Jack was reading a book.



The phone rang.



He stopped reading.



He answered the phone.

What **happened**? The phone **rang**. (*past simple*)

What **was Jack doing** when the phone rang?

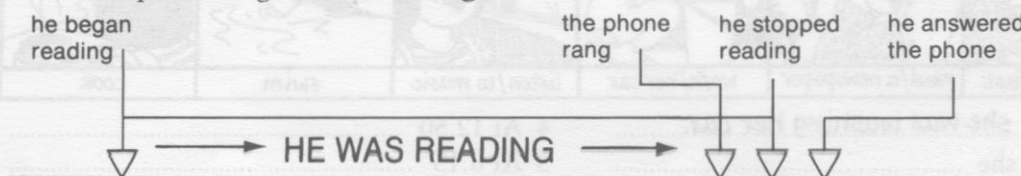
He **was reading** a book. (*past continuous*)

What **did he do** when the phone rang?

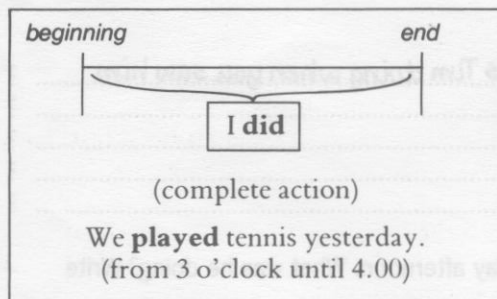
He **stopped** reading and **answered** the phone. (*past simple*)

Jack began reading *before* the phone rang. So:

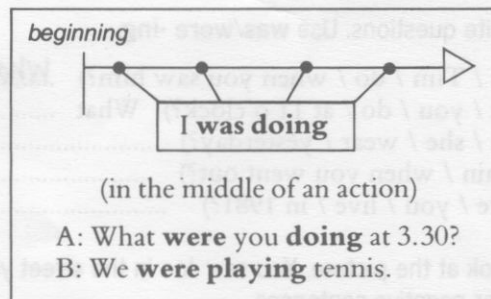
When the phone rang, he **was reading**.



past simple



past continuous



- Jack **was reading** the newspaper when the phone **rang**.
- but* Jack **read** the newspaper yesterday.
- **Were you watching** television when I **phonèd** you?
- but* **Did you watch** the film on television last night?
- I **started** work at 9.00 and **finished** at 4.30. At 2.30 I **was working**.
- When we **went** out, it **was raining**. (= it started raining *before* we went out)
- I **saw** Lucy and Tom this morning. They **were standing** at the bus-stop.
- Joy **fell** asleep while she **was reading**. (**while** ► Unit 93)

UNIT 13 Exercises

13.1 Look at the pictures and write sentences. Use the past continuous or past simple.

Example (see the pictures opposite): (Jack / read / a book) Jack was reading a book.
 (the phone / ring) The phone rang.
 (he / answer / the phone) He answered the phone.



(Tom / walk / down the street)
 Tom
 (he / see / Jack)

 (he / say / hello)



(they / sit / in the garden)

 (it / start / to rain)

 (they / go / into the house)



(Carol / paint / the room)

 (she / fall / off the ladder)

 (she / break / her arm)

13.2 Put the verb into the past continuous (I was doing) or past simple (I did).

- 1 When we went (go) out, it was raining (rain).
- 2 I wasn't hungry last night. I didn't eat (not/eat) anything.
- 3 Were you watching (you/watch) television when I phoned (phone) you?
- 4 Jane wasn't at home when I went to see her. She (work).
- 5 I (get) up early this morning. I (wash),
 (dress) and then I (have) breakfast.
- 6 The postman (come) while I (have) breakfast.
- 7 We (meet) Joan at the party. She (wear) a red dress.
- 8 The boys (break) a window when they (play) football.
- 9 I was late but my friends (wait) for me when I (arrive).
- 10 I (get) up at 7 o'clock. The sun (shine), so I (go) for a walk.
- 11 He (not/drive) fast when the accident (happen).
- 12 Margaret (not/go) to work yesterday. She was ill.
- 13 'What (you/do) on Saturday evening?' 'I went to the cinema.'
- 14 'What (you/do) at 9.30 on Saturday evening?'
 'I (watch) a film in the cinema.'