

I was doing (past continuous)

A

4 o'clock

now (6 o'clock)



It is 6 o'clock now.

Paul **is** at home.

He **is watching** television. *Il regarde ...*

At 4 o'clock he **wasn't** at home.

He **was** at the sports club.

He **was swimming** in the pool.

He **wasn't watching** television.

3.30

4.00

4.15

he started
swimming

he **was swimming**

he finished
swimming


B

La forme en **was/were + -ing** s'appelle le PAST CONTINUOUS. On emploie le PAST CONTINUOUS pour décrire une situation ou une action en cours dans le passé.

forme affirmative

forme négative

forme interrogative

I	was	doing
he		watching
she		playing
it		swimming
		living
we	were	etc.
you		
they		

I	was not (wasn't)	doing
he		watching
she		playing
it		swimming
		living
we	were not (weren't)	etc.
you		
they		

was	I	doing?
	he	watching?
	she	playing?
	it	swimming?
		living?
were	we	etc.
	you	
	they	

- What **were** you **doing** at 11.30 yesterday? **Were** you **working**?
Que faisais-tu ... ? Est-ce que tu travaillais?
- 'What did he say?' 'I don't know. I **wasn't listening**.' '*... Je n'écoutais pas.*'
- It **was raining**, so we didn't go out. *Il pleuvait ...*
- In 2001 we **were living** in Canada. *... nous habitions ...*
- Today she's wearing a skirt, but yesterday she **was wearing** trousers. *... elle portait un pantalon.*
- I woke up early yesterday. It was a beautiful morning. The sun **was shining** and the birds **were singing**. *... Le soleil brillait et les oiseaux chantaient.*

Observez bien l'orthographe (live → living / run → running / lie → lying etc.) → Annexe 5.

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PRESENT CONTINUOUS

am/is/are + -ing

- I'm **working** (now).
Je travaille.
- It **isn't raining** (now).
Il ne pleut pas.
- What **are** you **doing** (now)?
Qu'est-ce que tu fais?

PAST CONTINUOUS

was/were + -ing






- I **was working** at 10.30 last night.
Je travaillais ...
- It **wasn't raining** when we went out.
Il ne pleuvait pas ...
- What **were** you **doing** at three o'clock?
Qu'est-ce que tu faisais ... ?

Notez qu'il n'y a pas de forme équivalente au PRESENT CONTINUOUS en français. Il correspond au présent de l'indicatif ou à 'en train de'. Le PAST CONTINUOUS correspond à l'imparfait en français.

Exercices







Unité 14

14.1 Observez les illustrations. Où étaient ces personnes hier à 3 heures? Que faisaient-elles? Rédigez deux phrases pour chaque illustration.

 RACHEL at home watch TV	 JACK KATE at the cinema watch a film	 TIM in his car drive	 TRACEY at the station wait for a train	 MR AND MRS HALL in the park walk
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- Rachel was at home. She was watching TV.
- Jack and Kate They
- Tim
-
-
- And you? I


14.2 Sarah a fait beaucoup de choses hier matin. Observez les illustrations et complétez les phrases suivantes:

7.10 - 7.25 	7.30 - 8.10 	8.30 - 9.00 	1 At 8.45 she was washing her car. 2 At 10.45 she 3 At 8 o'clock 4 At 12.10 5 At 7.15 6 At 9.30
9.20 - 10.00 	10.15 - 11.45 	12.00 - 12.45 	

14.3 Complétez les questions avec was/were -ing. Utilisez what/where/why si nécessaire.

1 (you/live) Where were you living in 1999? 2 (you/do) at 2 o'clock? 3 (it/rain) when you got up? 4 (Sue/drive) so fast? 5 (Tim/wear) a suit yesterday?	In London. I was asleep. No, it was sunny. Because she was late. No, a T-shirt and jeans.
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14.4 Observez l'illustration. Vous avez croisé Joe dans la rue hier. Que faisait-il? Rédigez des phrases affirmatives ou négatives.



Joe

Hi. I'm going shopping.

- (wear / a jacket) He wasn't wearing a jacket.
- (carry / a bag)
- (go / to the dentist)
- (eat / an ice-cream)
- (carry / an umbrella)
- (go / home)
- (wear / a hat)
- (ride / a bicycle)

- 14.1**
- Jack and Kate were at the cinema. They were watching a film.
 - Tim was in his car. He was driving.
 - Tracey was at the station. She was waiting for a train.
 - Mr and Mrs Hall were in the park. They were walking.
 - (Exemple de réponse) I was in a café. I was having a drink with some friends.

- 14.2**
- she was playing tennis
 - she was reading a/the newspaper
 - she was cooking (lunch)
 - she was having breakfast
 - she was cleaning the kitchen

- 14.3**
- What were you doing
 - Was it raining
 - Why was Sue driving
 - Was Tim wearing

- 14.4**
- He was carrying a bag.
 - He wasn't going to the dentist.
 - He was eating an ice-cream.
 - He wasn't carrying an umbrella.
 - He wasn't going home.
 - He was wearing a hat.
 - He wasn't riding a bicycle.