

## Lesson two : Past continuous and past simple

### I was doing.

-It's 6 O'clock now. Paul is at home. He is watching TV.

-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** TV.

3:30

4:00

4:15

He started swimming

He was swimming

He finished swimming

### Positive

I,he,she,it	Was doing
We,you,they	Were doing

### Negative

I,he,she,it	Was not (wasn't) doing
We,you,they	Were not (weren't) doing

### Questions

was	I,he,she,it	Doing?
Were	We,you,they	Doing?

-What **were** you **doing** at 11:30 yesterday? **Were** you **working**?

-What did he say? I dont know. I **wasn't listening**.

-In 2009 we **were living** in Canada.

-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)

## Present

-I'm **working** (now)

-It **isn't raining** (now)

-What **are you doing** (now)?

-We often use the past simple and the past continuous together to say that something happened in the middle of something else:

\* Tom **burnt** his hand when he **was cooking** the dinner.

\*I **saw** you in the park yesterday. You **were sitting** on the grass and **reading** a book.

\*While I **was working** in the garden, I **hurt** my back.

- But we use the past simple to say that one thing happened after another:

Eg: I **was walking** along the road when I **saw** Dave. So I **stopped** and we **had** a chat.

## Practice

**A- Complete the questions. Use we/were-ing. Use what/where/why if necessary. (in**

**London, I was asleep, no, it was sunny, because she was late, no, a T-shirt and jeans)**

1- You/live.....in 2012?

2- You/do.....at 2 pm?

3- It/rain.....when you got up?

4- Sue/drive.....so fast?

5- Tom/wear.....a suit yesterday?

**B- You saw Joe in the street yesterday afternoon. What was he doing? Write positive or negative sentences.**

1- Wear/a jacket .....

2- Carry/a bag.....

3- Go/to the dentist.....

4- Eat/ an ice cream.....

5- Go/home.....

## Key answers

**A-** 1- Where were you living in 2012? In London

2-What were you doing at 2pm? I was asleep

3- Was it raining when you got up? No, it was sunny

4- Why was Sue driving so fast? Because she was late

5-Was Tom wearing a suit yesterday? No, a T-shirt and jeans

**B-** 1- He wasn't wearing a jacket

2-He was carrying a bag

3-He was going to the dentist

4-He wasn't carrying an umbrella

5-He wasn't going home.