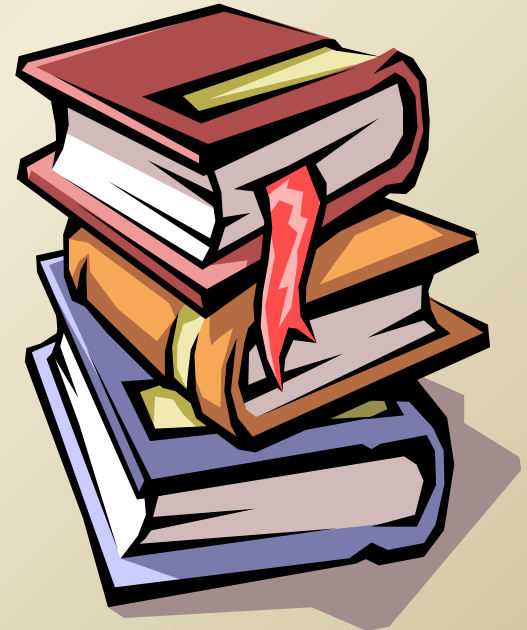


# *The fundamentals of English grammar*



## *Past Continuous*



# Past Continuous

употребляется для выражения действия, происходящего в определённый момент или период времени в прошлом

I/he/she/it  
you/we/they

WAS  
WERE

+

V ing

## Statements

- Mary **was writing** an essay at 2 o'clock yesterday.
- They **were playing** tennis from 5 till 6 yesterday.

## Questions

- **Was** Mary **writing** an essay at 2 o'clock yesterday?
  - Yes, she was.
  - No, she wasn't.
- **Were** they **playing** tennis from 5 till 6 yesterday?
  - Yes, they were.
  - No, they weren't.

## Negations

- Mary **wasn't writing** an essay at 2 o'clock yesterday.
- They **weren't playing** tennis from 5 till 6 yesterday.

Определённый момент времени в прошлом  
может быть выражен:

Usage

конкретным временем

Sam **was repairing** his car at 5.50 p.m. yesterday

Just think. Two days ago at this time I **was lying** on  
the beach in the sun.

периодом времени в прошлом

I **was reading** from 7 till 9 o'clock yesterday.

придаточным предложением

**P.S.**  
He **was doing** his homework when I entered the room.

**P.S.**  
When I came, my parents **were having** tea.

Подчёркивается процесс действия  
в прошлом с помощью:

Usage

СОЮЗОВ while  
when  
as

- While we were driving from Rome to Milan, our bus broke down.  
Когда мы ехали из Рима в Милан, наш автобус сломался.
- As I was coming here I met your brother.  
Когда я шел сюда, я встретил твоего брата.

all day long  
the whole evening  
all the time

- Sam was working in the garden all day long.
- It was raining the whole evening!
- She was crying all the time!

annoying  
action