**Past Continuous**

**Сравните:**

I **talked** to him — Я поговорил с ним (Past Simple)

I **was talking** to him for 3 hours — Я разговаривал с ним три часа (Past Continuous)  
  
**Продолжительные действия в конкретный момент в прошлом**  
*Yesterday at 5 p.m. I* ***was drinking*** *tea with mom* — Вчера в пять вечера я пил чай с мамой  
*This time three month ago we* ***were flying*** *to Prague* — Три месяца назад в это время мы летели в Прагу  
*What* ***were you doing*** *during your honeymoon? We* ***were traveling*** *across Japan* — Чем вы занимались во время свадебного путешествия? Мы путешествовали по Японии.  
 **Одновременные действия в прошлом.** Несколько действий в прошлом происходили в один момент времени: *We* ***were eating*** *pizza while we* ***were watching*** *a new TV series* — Мы ели пиццу, когда мы смотрели новый сериал по телевизору

**Если одно из действий длительное, а его прерывает более короткое действие в прошлом**, то длительное действие выражается в ***Past Continuous***, а короткое — в ***Past Simple***.

*They* ***were playing*** *basketball in the playground when* ***it started*** *to rain* — Они играли в баскетбол на площадке, когда начался дождь

Важно: после слова **while** в предложении всегда используется время **Past Continuous**.

**Маркеры времени Past Continuous**

* at the moment (в тот момент)
* when (когда)
* while (в то время, как)
* as (так как)
* all night (long) (всю ночь)
* all morning (все утро)
* all day (long) (весь день)
* last Sunday (в прошлое воскресенье)
* last month (в прошлом месяце)
* last year (в прошлом году)
* from Monday to Wednesday (с понедельника по среду)
* at 3:15 pm
* at 6 yesterday

*I* ***was writing*** *a letter to my granny from 4 to 4:30 pm on Sunday   
Yesterday they* ***were playing*** *tennis when the* ***rain started***   
*Jane* ***was sitting*** *on the bench and* ***was waiting for*** *somebody*   
*At midnight I* ***was driving*** *home*

*Упражнение 1. Раскройте скобки, поставив глаголы в фоpму Past Continuous***.**

1. While I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to copy) the exercise, my friends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to describe) a picture.
2. When we came in, the children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to clean) their desks.
3. We met her at the bus stop. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to wait) for the bus.
4. Some of the children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to ski) while other children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to skate). Everybody \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to have) a lot of fun.
5. When we came the family \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to get) everything ready for Christmas. Bob and Helen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to decorate) the Christmas tree.
6. The girls \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to feed) the birds in the garden while the boys \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to make) a bird-house.

**Упражнение 2. Дополните вопросы и ответы глаголами в Past Continous.**

1. — Mr. Rambler , what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) at 6.30 ?
2. —  Oh, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (read) at that time in my room.
3. —  Were you?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (read)? What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (read) at that time?
4. — A book.
5. —  Did your friends see you then?
6. —  No, they didn’t. They  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (watch TV).
7. —  What  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (watch)?
8. —  Some film. But why?
9. —  Some people saw a man who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (try) to kill an elephant at that time. We think it was you.

**Упражнение 3. Раскройте скобки (Past Simple или Past Continuous)**

1. I (to go) to the cinema yesterday.
2. I (to go) to the cinema at four o’clock yesterday.
3. They (to go) to the cinema when they met me.
4. She (to learn) words the whole evening yesterday.
5. She (to learn) words when mother came home.
6. He (to work) in the garden yesterday.
7. He (to work) in the garden from five till eight yesterday.
8. My sister is fond of read­ing. She (to read) the whole evening yesterday.
9. The children (to do) their lessons at six o’clock yesterday.
10. I (not to play) the pi­ano yesterday. I (to write) a letter to my friend.
11. I (not to play) the piano at four o’clock yester­day. I (to read) a book.
12. He (not to sleep) when father came home. He (to do) his homework.
13. When I (to go) to school the day before yester­day, I met Mike and Pete. They (to talk) and (to eat) an ice-cream.
14. The baby (to sleep) the whole evening yesterday. She (feel) bad.
15. What your father (to do) from eight till nine yesterday?
16. Why she (to cry) when I saw her yesterday?