

past continuous

Gebruik:

Je gebruikt de past continuous om aan te geven dat iets in het verleden bezig of aan de gang was.

Vorm:

'to be' + hele werkwoord + ing

Bevestigend:

I was working.
You were working.
He was working.
She was working.
It was working.
We were working.
You were working.
They were working.

Ontkennend:

I wasn't working.
You weren't working.
He wasn't working.
She wasn't working.
It wasn't working.
We weren't working.
You weren't working.
They weren't working.

Vragend:

Was I working?
Were you working?
Was he working?
Was she working?
Was it working?
Were we working?
Were you working?
Were they working?

Signaalwoorden:

when / while / at the same time

Let op:

- bij werkwoorden die op een -e eindigen vervalt de -e
bake → Mother was baking a cake and bread at the same time.
- werkwoorden die op een -c eindigen krijgen -king
panic → James was panicking because he didn't study for the test.
- bij korte werkwoorden met 1 klinker verdubbelt vaak de laatste letter
swap → While the pupils were swapping notes the teacher drank coffee.
- bij werkwoorden die eindigen op klinker + l verdubbelt de -l
travel → He was travelling to England when his boat sank.