

Past Continuous

Πότε τον χρησιμοποιούμε:

1. Για πράξεις που βρίσκονταν σε εξέλιξη σε μια συγκεκριμένη χρονική στιγμή στο παρελθόν.

Ex. I was speaking to Bill on the phone at 11 o'clock last night.

2. Για πράξεις που συνέβαιναν ταυτόχρονα για κάποιο χρονικό διάστημα στο παρελθόν.

Ex. While / As Max was getting dressed, I was having breakfast.

3. Για να περιγράψουμε το σκηνικό μιας αφήγησης / ιστορίας.

Ex. It was a cold winter's day. It was snowing outside and we were sitting around the fireplace.

Λέξεις κλειδιά:

At that time, at that moment, then, at 9 o'clock yesterday, between 6 and 7 o'clock yesterday evening, from 10:00 to 12:00 last night, while, as

* Για να περιγράψουμε μια πράξη που ήταν σε εξέλιξη στο παρελθόν όταν ξαφνικά συνέβη μία άλλη, συνδυάζουμε δύο προτάσεις μία με Past Continuous και μία με Past Simple.

Ex. While / As I was cycling to school, I fell off my bike.

ή I was cycling to school, when I fell off my bike.

I fell off my bike while / as I was cycling to school.

ή When I fell off my bike I was cycling to school.

While / As + Past Continuous

When + Past Simple

Πως κλίνεται:

Affirmative √

I / he / she / it was cleaning

You / we / you / they were cleaning

Negative X

I / he / she / it wasn't cleaning

You / we / you / they weren't cleaning

Interrogative ?

Was I / he / she / it cleaning ?

Were you / we / you / they cleaning ?

Short answers:

- Were you cleaning your bedroom at that moment?

- Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.

- Was she having lunch at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon?

- Yes, she was. / No, she wasn't.