

## Past continuous tense exercise

The past continuous tense is used to talk about actions or situations that were going on at a specified time in the past.

I was reading a novel at 8 o'clock last night.

My mother was watching TV when I got home.

The boys were listening to the cricket commentary all day yesterday.

She was crying when I saw her.

The past continuous tense is often used with the simple past tense. In this case, the simple past tense is used to talk about short actions that took place in the middle of a longer background action.

Complete the following sentences using appropriate simple past or past continuous tense forms.

1. Last Saturday when I ..... Mr. Mohan's house everyone was busy.

was visiting

had visited

visited

2. Mr. Mohan ..... in the garden.

worked

was working

is working

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3. His wife ..... dinner.

was cooking

were cooking

has cooked

4. Their children ..... their homework.

were doing

was doing

has done

5. The boy ..... to solve a problem.

were trying

was trying

was being trying

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6. The girl said that she ..... a letter to her friend.

is writing

was writing

were writing

7. When I ..... my house, everyone there was busy too.

reached

was reaching

were reaching

8.. My father was reading the newspaper and my mother ..... a sweater.

Please select 2 correct answers

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was knitted

was knitting

9. My brother ..... his bicycle and my sister was listening to music.

repaired

was repairing

were repairing

### Answers

Last Saturday when I visited Mr. Mohan's house everyone was busy. Mr. Mohan was working in the garden. His wife was cooking dinner. Their children were doing their homework. The boy was trying to solve a problem. The girl said that she was writing a letter to her friend.

When I returned to my house, everyone there was busy too. My father was reading the newspaper and my mother was knitting a sweater. My brother was repairing his bicycle and my sister was listening to music.