

Past continuous tense exercise

The past continuous tense is used to talk about actions or events that were in progress around a particular past time. Test your knowledge of past continuous tense with this grammar exercise.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate past continuous form of the verb given in the brackets.

1. I TV at eight o'clock yesterday evening.

am watching

was watching

watched

2. I all day yesterday.

painted

was painting

have painted

3. They the whole time they were together.

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quarreled

are quarreling

were quarreling

4. As I down the road, I saw Philip.

am walking

walked

was walking

5. The phone rang while I dinner.

am having

had

was having

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6. It happened while I in Southampton last year.

lived

was living

am living

7. When I entered her room, she the piano.

played

playing

was playing

8. When I got up this morning, the sun

shining

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was shining

is shining

9. At the time when it happened, I
..... to the opera a lot.

went

was going

am going

Answers

1. I was watching TV at eight o'clock yesterday evening.
2. I was painting all day yesterday.
3. They were quarreling the whole time they were together.
4. As I was walking down the road, I saw Philip.
5. The phone rang while I was having dinner.
6. It happened while I was living in Southampton last year.

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7. When I entered her room, she was playing the piano.
8. When I got up this morning, the sun was shining.
9. At the time when it happened, I was going to the opera a lot.