Past continuous

5 esercizi · livello A2–B1 (indicativo, QCER) · soluzioni su un foglio separato

Nome _____ Classe _____ Data _____

1. *Was* o *were* + verbo in *-ing* A2

Scegli la forma corretta del past continuous.

1. At eight o'clock last night I _____ dinner for six people.
   ☐ was cooking ☐ were cooking ☐ was cook
2. At half past nine the kids _____ a cartoon in the living room.
   ☐ was watching ☐ watching ☐ were watching
3. It _____ when we left the cinema, so we took a taxi.
   ☐ were raining ☐ was raining ☐ is raining
4. What _____ at this time yesterday?
   ☐ were you doing ☐ you were doing ☐ was you doing
5. Federica _____ to music, so she didn't hear the doorbell.
   ☐ were listening ☐ was listen ☐ was listening
6. We _____ about you just a minute ago!
   ☐ was talking ☐ were talking ☐ are talk
7. My laptop _____ properly yesterday, so I couldn't finish my essay.
   ☐ wasn't working ☐ weren't working ☐ didn't working
8. _____ your parents still living in Verona in 2020?
   ☐ Was ☐ Did ☐ Were
9. It was a perfect morning in Positano: the sun _____ and the sea was calm.
   ☐ were shining ☐ was shining ☐ shining
10. While Dad _____ the car, we were tidying the garage.
    ☐ was washing ☐ were washing ☐ was wash

2. Che cosa stavano facendo? A2

Completa con il past continuous del verbo tra parentesi (*was/were + -ing*). Con *not* la frase è negativa.

1. At nine o'clock this morning I _____ (sit) on a crowded bus.
2. Yesterday at lunchtime Tom and Ellie _____ (have) a picnic by the river.
3. When the head teacher walked in, two students _____ (not / pay) attention.
4. At this time last week we _____ (fly) to Lisbon.
5. Sorry I didn't answer – I _____ (drive).
6. At midnight Giulia _____ (not / sleep): she _____ (write) her thesis.

7. It _____ (snow) heavily all afternoon, so the match was cancelled.
8. From six to eight yesterday evening I _____ (practise) the piano.
9. The neighbours upstairs _____ (play) loud music at two in the morning, so nobody could sleep.
10. Why _____ (you / laugh) during the presentation?

3. Domande e negative con *was* e *were* A2

Trasforma la frase nella forma indicata. Il tempo resta il past continuous.

1. I was waiting for my sister outside the gym.
   → **NEGATIVA** _____
2. They were playing tennis at four o'clock.
   → **INTERROGATIVA** _____
3. Michela was working from home last Tuesday.
   → **NEGATIVA** _____
4. You were talking to the manager.
   → **INTERROGATIVA** _____
5. The dog was barking at the postman.
   → **INTERROGATIVA** _____
6. We were following the right road.
   → **NEGATIVA** _____
7. Your brother was wearing a suit at the wedding.
   → **INTERROGATIVA** _____
8. It was raining when you left the office.
   → **INTERROGATIVA** _____
9. The students were taking notes during the lecture.
   → **NEGATIVA** _____
10. You weren't listening to me.
    → **INTERROGATIVA NEGATIVA** _____

4. *While* o *during*? E i verbi di stato B1

Scegli la forma giusta tra le due. Attenzione a *while* e *during* e ai verbi che non vanno in *-ing*.

1. I met Paolo _____ I was living in Dublin.
   ☐ during ☐ while
2. At the time I _____ the answer, but I was too shy to say it.
   ☐ knew ☐ was knowing
3. Somebody phoned me _____ the film, so I missed the ending.
   ☐ while ☐ during

4. We _____ a bigger flat, so we started looking.
   ☐ were needing ☐ needed

5. _____ we were walking along the beach, the sky suddenly turned dark.
   ☐ While ☐ During

6. We _____ a tiny car back then, so we couldn't all travel together.
   ☐ had ☐ were having

7. My phone rang _____ I was giving my presentation.
   ☐ during ☐ while

8. I asked the waiter what the word on the menu _____.
   ☐ was meaning ☐ meant

9. Marta fell asleep _____ the second half of the match.
   ☐ during ☐ while

10. Your idea _____ sensible, so we decided to try it.
    ☐ was seeming ☐ seemed

5. Trova l'errore: forme e usi B1

In ogni frase c'è un errore. Tocca la parte sbagliata e scrivi la forma corretta, senza cambiare il significato della frase.

1. At ten o'clock last night my parents was watching a documentary.

   CORREZIONE _____

2. While I was cook dinner, my flatmate was setting the table.

   CORREZIONE _____

3. We were swiming in the lake when the storm started.

   CORREZIONE _____

4. Who you were talking to on the phone when I came in?

   CORREZIONE _____

5. When I arrived, the cat was lieing on my bed.

   CORREZIONE _____

6. Were you sleep when I phoned at eleven?

   CORREZIONE _____

7. During I was waiting for the bus outside the station, it started to rain.

   CORREZIONE _____

8. When we arrived, everyone were dancing in the garden and the music was very loud.

   CORREZIONE _____

9. In those days the house was belonging to my grandparents, not to us.

   CORREZIONE _____

10. My flatmate was always leave dirty cups in the sink.

    CORREZIONE _____

Soluzioni

Past continuous

1. *Was* o *were* + verbo in *-ing*

1. **was cooking**
2. **were watching**
3. **was raining**
4. **were you doing**
5. **was listening**
6. **were talking**
7. **wasn't working**
8. **Were**
9. **was shining**
10. **was washing**

2. Che cosa stavano facendo?

1. **was sitting**
2. **were having**
3. **were not paying**
4. **were flying**
5. **was driving**
6. **was not sleeping ... was writing**
7. **was snowing**
8. **was practising**
9. **were playing**
10. **were you laughing**

3. Domande e negative con *was* e *were*

1. **I was not waiting for my sister outside the gym.**
2. **Were they playing tennis at four o'clock?**
3. **Michela was not working from home last Tuesday.**
4. **Were you talking to the manager?**
5. **Was the dog barking at the postman?**
6. **We were not following the right road.**
7. **Was your brother wearing a suit at the wedding?**
8. **Was it raining when you left the office?**
9. **The students were not taking notes during the lecture.**
10. **Weren't you listening to me?**

4. *While* o *during*? E i verbi di stato

1. **while**
2. **knew**
3. **during**
4. **needed**
5. **While**
6. **had**
7. **while**
8. **meant**
9. **during**
10. **seemed**

5. Trova l'errore: forme e usi

1. **was → were**
2. **cook → cooking**
3. **swiming → swimming**
4. **you were → were you**
5. **lieing → lying**
6. **sleep → sleeping** (anche asleep)
7. **During → While** (anche Whilst, As, When)
8. **were → was**
9. **was belonging → belonged** (anche did belong, used to belong)
10. **leave → leaving**

Valgono anche le forme contratte ed estese equivalenti: *don't* = *do not*, *isn't* = *is not*. Spiegazioni di ogni risposta su inglesechiaro.com/past-continuous/