PAST CONTINUOUS

Past simple vs continuous In songs

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=MVET_Whfbf0

EXAMPLES IN SONGS

- I was going over the Cork and Kerry Mountains

I saw Captain Farrell and his money he was countin' (Metallica)

- Saw cinderella in a party dress but she was looking for her nightgown

(the Killers)

OTHER EXAMPLES

- I heard the mission bell and I was thinking to myself "this could be Heaven or this could be Hell" (Eagle)

- I was cryin' when I met you

Now I'm tryn' to forget you

Love is sweet misery (Aerosmith)

- I was hoping that I could leave this star crossed world behind (the Killers)

AFFERMATIVE   NEGATIVE   INTERROGATIVE

Esempio:

I was working (IO STAVO LAVORANDO)

They were playing (LORO STAVANO GIOCANDO)

Esempio:

I wasn't reading (IO NON STAVO LEGGENDO)

They weren't playing (LORO NON STAVANO GIOCANDO)

Esempio:

were you working ? (STAVI LAVORANDO?)

was Bob playing ? (BOB STAVA GIOCANDO?)

RULES

FORMA AFFERMATIVA	FORMA NEGATIVA	FORMA INTERROGATIVA
SOGGETTO +	SOGGETTO +	WERE/WAS +
WERE/WAS +	WERE/WAS +	SOGGETTO +
VERBO IN FORMA -ING	NOT +	VERBO IN FORMA -ING
	VERBO IN FORMA -ING	

N.B.
- La forma –ing si ottiene aggiungendo questo suffisso alla forma presente
  WORK > WORKING
- Se il verbo finisce con –l essa raddoppia
  TRAVEL > TRAVELLING

N.B.
Il verbo essere seguito dal NOT da esito alla forma contratta:
- Wasn't
- Weren't

USE 1

Yesterday evening at 7 I was watching tv

MOMENTO SPECIFICO

- Yesterday she was shopping from 3 to 4 pM/between 3 and 4

DURATA (espressioni di tempo)

I was cutting the grass when the phone rang

The Sun was shining and the birds were singing
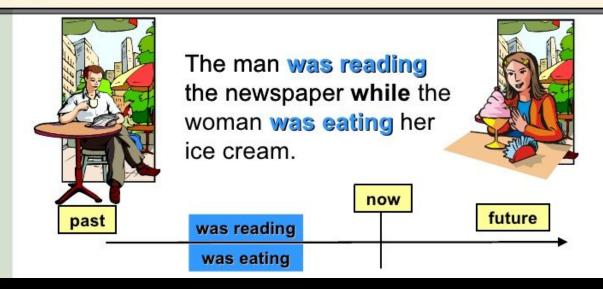
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NARRAZIONE

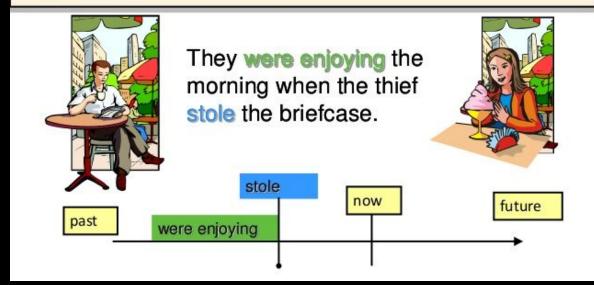https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=t9t4rt7M6wU

WHILE

WHEN

Use **past progressive** with **while** to describe two actions in progress at the same time in the past.

The man **was reading** the newspaper **while** the woman **was eating** her ice cream.

past | was reading | was eating | now | future

Use past progressive with simple past to describe an action that was interrupted by another action.

They **were enjoying** the morning when the thief **stole** the briefcase.

past | were enjoying | stole | now | future

VIDEO

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=_y9-D4ihZR4