



Basic

English Grammar Practice Tests **with key**

Past Continuous

Level A1-A2

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Introduction and Imprint

This is a complete set of English grammar practice tests. It contains **Test 1 & 2 with key**. The tests correspond to the **A1 - A2** language proficiency level according to the [CEFR](#).

The content is meant for **English as a foreign language** learners. It can be used for testing and as consolidation material.

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Test 1

Past Continuous

1. Complete the sentences with the *past continuous*.

1. She _____ (read) a book at 7 o'clock yesterday.
2. In 2019 my father and I _____ (live) in Australia.
3. It was a warm and beautiful evening. The sun _____ (shine) and a lot of people _____ (swim) in the lake.
4. At 1:45 my mom _____ (still / cook) lunch for us.
5. Why _____ you and your sister _____ (lie) on the ground?

Mark: ___/11

2. Choose the correct item.

1. It **was snowing** / **were snowing**, so we went out to ski.
2. I **was runing** / **was running** to get on the bus.
3. **Was** / **Were** she washing her car when you came home?
4. The cowboys **were telling** / **were teling** scary stories to the kids.
5. More and more people **were becomming** / **were becoming** vegetarians at that time.

Mark: ___/10

3. Complete the questions and negative sentences using the *past continuous*.

1. _____ (Violet / skate) in the park at 2:30 that afternoon?
2. Jason and I _____ (not / work) the following week.
3. When _____ (you and Mike / stay) in South Africa?
4. _____ (Ryan / buy) a new laptop when you met him yesterday?
5. I _____ (not / do) well in December last year.

Mark: ___ /10

4. Fill in the gaps with the *past continuous*.

Yesterday, the weather was terrible. The sky was shrouded in grey clouds and it 1) _____ (pour) with rain all day. All the family were trapped at home.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, I 2) _____ (play) with my dolls in my bedroom. My mother 3) _____ (watch) her favourite TV show while preparing dinner for us and my grandparents who 4) _____ (go) to visit us later. My father and my little brother 5) _____ (draw) some funny pictures and 6) _____ (colour) them

Mark: ___ /12

Total: ___ / 43

Test 1. Key

1.

1. **was reading** (*Third person singular*)
2. **were living** (*First person plural*)
3. **was shining; were swimming** (*Third person singular; third person plural*)
4. **was still cooking** (*Third person singular; an adverb of time is used after the auxiliary and before the verb with -ing*)
5. **were you and your sister lying** (*Second person plural interrogative; if the base verb ends with -ie, change it to -y and add -ing*)

2.

1. **was snowing** (*Third person singular*)
2. **was running** (*Doubled consonant as the verb ends in a consonant preceded by a stressed vowel*)
3. **Was** (*Third person singular interrogative*)
4. **were telling** (*Correct spelling*)
5. **were becoming** (*Correct spelling*)

3.

1. **Was Violet skating** (*Third person singular interrogative*)
2. **were not / weren't working** (*First person plural negative*)
3. **were you and Mike staying** (*Second person plural interrogative*)
4. **Was Ryan buying** (*Third person singular interrogative*)
5. **was not / wasn't doing** (*First person singular negative*)

1. The water was pouring down the street.
2. The children were playing in the park.
3. She was watching the game.
4. They were going to the store.
5. The team were drawing a plan.

4.

1. **was pouring** (*Third person singular*)
2. **was playing** (*First person singular*)
3. **was watching** (*Third person singular*)
4. **were going** (*Third person plural*)
5. **were drawing** (*Third person plural*)

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