



## Past Continuous: Affirmative Forms: was/were + -ing

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. I \_\_\_\_ (watch) TV at 8 o'clock last night.  
a) was watching  
b) were watching  
c) watched  
d) am watching
2. She \_\_\_\_ (read) a book when I arrived.  
a) was reading  
b) is reading  
c) read  
d) were reading
3. They \_\_\_\_ (play) football in the park.  
a) were playing  
b) played  
c) was playing  
d) are playing
4. He \_\_\_\_ (sleep) at midnight.  
a) were sleeping  
b) was sleeping  
c) slept  
d) is sleeping
5. We \_\_\_\_ (have) dinner at 7 pm yesterday.  
a) had  
b) are having  
c) were having  
d) was having
6. The children \_\_\_\_ (run) in the garden.  
a) are running  
b) were running  
c) ran  
d) was running
7. It \_\_\_\_ (rain) heavily all morning.  
a) rained  
b) is raining  
c) were raining  
d) was raining
8. You \_\_\_\_ (talk) on the phone for hours.  
a) was talking  
b) talked  
c) were talking  
d) are talking
9. My brother \_\_\_\_ (study) in his room.  
a) were studying  
b) was studying  
c) studied  
d) is studying
10. The dog \_\_\_\_ (bark) at the postman.  
a) were barking  
b) is barking  
c) barked  
d) was barking
11. At 3 o'clock yesterday, I \_\_\_\_ (work) in the office.  
a) was working  
b) am working  
c) were working  
d) worked

12. The students \_\_\_\_ (listen) to the teacher.  
a) was listening  
b) were listening  
c) listened  
d) are listening
13. My parents \_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner together.  
a) were cooking  
b) cooked  
c) are cooking  
d) was cooking
14. The sun \_\_\_\_ (shine) brightly that afternoon.  
a) were shining  
b) is shining  
c) was shining  
d) shone
15. Tom and Jerry \_\_\_\_ (fight) again.  
a) were fighting  
b) was fighting  
c) are fighting  
d) fought
16. The baby \_\_\_\_ (cry) loudly.  
a) was crying  
b) is crying  
c) were crying  
d) cried
17. At this time yesterday, we \_\_\_\_ (drive) to the beach.  
a) was driving  
b) drove  
c) are driving  
d) were driving
18. The wind \_\_\_\_ (blow) strongly last night.  
a) is blowing  
b) was blowing  
c) were blowing  
d) blew
19. Everyone \_\_\_\_ (dance) at the party.  
a) were dancing  
b) danced  
c) was dancing  
d) is dancing
20. The birds \_\_\_\_ (sing) in the trees.  
a) are singing  
b) sang  
c) was singing  
d) were singing



## Answers

1. a) was watching
2. a) was reading
3. a) were playing
4. b) was sleeping
5. c) were having
6. b) were running
7. d) was raining
8. c) were talking
9. b) was studying
10. d) was barking
11. a) was working
12. b) were listening
13. a) were cooking
14. c) was shining
15. a) were fighting
16. a) was crying
17. d) were driving
18. b) was blowing
19. c) was dancing
20. d) were singing



# Explanations

**1. “was watching” (a)**

Use 'was' + -ing with 'I'. The action was in progress at a specific time in the past.

**2. “was reading” (a)**

Use 'was' + -ing with 'she'. She was in the middle of reading.

**3. “were playing” (a)**

Use 'were' + -ing with 'they'.

**4. “was sleeping” (b)**

Use 'was' + -ing with 'he'. The action was in progress at midnight.

**5. “were having” (c)**

Use 'were' + -ing with 'we'.

**6. “were running” (b)**

Use 'were' + -ing with plural subjects like 'the children' (= they).

**7. “was raining” (d)**

Use 'was' + -ing with 'it'.

**8. “were talking” (c)**

Use 'were' + -ing with 'you' (both singular and plural).

**9. “was studying” (b)**

Use 'was' + -ing with singular subjects like 'my brother' (= he).

**10. “was barking” (d)**

Use 'was' + -ing with singular subjects like 'the dog' (= it).

**11. “was working” (a)**

Use 'was' + -ing with 'I'. The time expression 'at 3 o'clock' indicates a specific moment.

**12. “were listening” (b)**

Use 'were' + -ing with plural subjects like 'the students' (= they).

**13. “were cooking” (a)**

Use 'were' + -ing with plural subjects like 'my parents' (= they).

**14. “was shining” (c)**

Use 'was' + -ing with 'the sun' (= it).

**15. “were fighting” (a)**

Use 'were' + -ing with compound subjects like 'Tom and Jerry' (= they).

**16. “was crying” (a)**

Use 'was' + -ing with 'the baby' (= it/he/she).

**17. “were driving” (d)**

Use 'were' + -ing with 'we'. 'At this time yesterday' indicates a specific past moment.

**18. “was blowing” (b)**

Use 'was' + -ing with 'the wind' (= it).

**19. “was dancing” (c)**

Use 'was' + -ing with 'everyone' (grammatically singular).

**20. “were singing” (d)**

Use 'were' + -ing with plural subjects like 'the birds' (= they).