

Раздел 2 Мои истории в прошлом

Story # 4 Past Continuous

Уровень ELEMENTARY

My Epic Fail

Look at the picture. What can you see there? Do you know what a floppy disc is? Try to predict what the story can be about.



This story happened to me when I was a student. I **was preparing** my course work for the whole three months in 2008. That evening I **was looking through** my paperwork, **correcting** the mistakes and **adding** some extra information, while my friends **were hanging out** somewhere. When I finished checking it up, I copied the work on my floppy disc and went asleep in a happy mood. What was my despair when the next day it turned out that my floppy disc was out of order and I didn't save the document on my computer! The next night I **was rewriting** my work from the very beginning, I **wasn't sleeping** for the whole night. It was a nightmare.

Course work – курсовая работа

To look through – просматривать

Floppy disk – дискета

Despair – отчаяние

To be out of order – выходить из строя

Nightmare - кошмар

Sentence 1.

I wasn't sleeping for the whole night.

1. Do I talk about present, past or future?

2. How long wasn't I sleeping?
3. Was the action in progress?

Sentence 2.

That evening I **was looking through** my paperwork, correcting the mistakes and adding some extra information, while my friends **were hanging out** somewhere.

1. Do I talk about present, past or future?
2. When was I looking through my paperwork?
3. Were these actions happening at the same time?
4. Were they in duration?

FORM

I +

I n't +

We make **The Past Continuous** with the auxiliary verb _____ + the _____.

We use **The Past Continuous Tense** when an action was in _____ at a _____ point of time.

We use **The Past Continuous Tense** to talk about an activity that was in _____ and _____ by a single complete action in _____. It is made with the Past Continuous, the Past Simple and the words *when*, _____, _____.

CONTROLLED PRACTICE

1. This morning was really beautiful. The sun _____ (shine), the birds _____ (sing) and everyone in the street _____ (smile) and _____ (say) hello to each other.
2. When we arrived, she _____ (make) some coffee.

3. While I _____ (have) a bath the telephone rang.
4. While we _____ (walk) in the park it began to rain.
5. Mrs. Patrick looked beautiful last night. She _____ (wear) a lovely evening dress.
6. I _____ (have) a beautiful dream when the alarm –clock rang.
7. How fast _____ they _____ (travel) when their car had a puncture?
8. “What _____ you _____ (do) between 9.00 and 10.00 yesterday?” asked the detective.
9. I found my lost key when I _____ (look) for my passport.
10. When I woke up, it _____ (snow).

Correct the mistakes:

1. When I wandered around the city I was seeing my friends.
2. While he were riding in the forest he lost his way.
3. She is reading the whole evening yesterday.
4. They came when their children slept.
5. Yesterday at 5 o'clock I am reading a newspaper.