

LESSON 20

You are going to learn :

1-The past continuous tense

- We use the past continuous tense for a progressive action that happened in the past .

- We form the past continuous with:simple past of«to be»
(Was / were) + verb + ing

eg : Yesterday , they **were** watching T.V

Negative : was not / were not + verb + « ing »

eg : He **was not** having dinner yesterday

Interrogative : Was / were + subj + V+ Ing

eg : **Were** you doing your home work ?

We use the past continuous tense + while to express 2 actions that happened at the same time (2 simultaneous actions)

-**While** can be placed at the beginning of the sentence or between the 2 sentences

eg : **While** I was watching T.V , he was reading a book

Or : I was watching T.V **while** he was reading a book .

A frightening night



The night was dark, no moon light, just the silence on the camp

Amine and Chang were playing chess in their tent while the girls were sleeping. Suddenly they heard a strange sound , coming from the forest , then heavy steps headed from the tents .The girls were frightened .They were trying to dress while Amine was looking for a torch.

The thing was coming near and near them. Mary was crying while Betsy was shouting .

Sarah took a stick to defend their lives . Just then , Amine lighted up the camp .It was Pierre with a white sheet around him , wearing flippers and whistling in a horn!

Exercise 1 :

Read the text and circle the correct answer :

اقرأ النص و اختر الجواب الصحيح :

1- The camp was :

- a) quiet.
- b) noisy .
- c) empty.

2- The girls were :

- a) reading.
- b) swimming.
- c) sleeping.

3-Amine and Chang were :

- a) watching T.V
- b) playing chess
- c) cooking

4-The frightening sound was ?

- a) an animal .
- b) the wind .
- c) Pierre .

5-Amine was looking for

- a) the girls
- b) his clothes
- c) the light

Exercise 2 :

Read the text and match A with B

اربط A مع B

A	B
1-The night	A) took a stick .
2-Sarah	B) was whistling .
3-Chang and Amine	C) was very dark.
4-Betsy and Mary	D) lighting up the torches.
5-Pierre.	E) were looking for their clothes.

Exercise 3 :

Put in : was - were : ضع عبارة

- 1- Jillsleeping .
- 2- Amine and Changplaying chess.
- 3- Sarahdefending them
- 4- Pierrefrightening them .
- 5- Theyshouting .

Exercise 4 :

Look at the example then do the same :

لاحظ المثال ثم قم بنفس العمل

eg : Pierre was walking heavily.

Was he walking heavily ?

- 1- Mary was crying .
.....?
- 2- Amine and Chang were playing chess .
.....?
- 3- Sarah was holding a stick .
.....?
- 4- The girls were sleeping .
.....?
- 5- They were waiting for the thing .
.....?

Exercise 5 :

Put in : what - when - where- who where necessary

أكمل الفراغ بالكلمة المناسبة .

1-was Pierre doing ?

He was frightening them

2-.....were the girls sleeping ?

In the tents .

3-.....was shouting ?

Mary was

4-.....was the sound coming out ?

At night .

Exercise 6 :

Combine the two statements to get one sentence putting while in the middle of the sentence

اربط الجملتين باستعمال **while** في الوسط

eg : a) I was doing my homework .

b) Mother was cooking

I was doing my homework **while** mother was cooking

1- a) The footballers were playing .

b) The supporters were shouting

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2- a) The pupils were listening .

b) The teacher was explaining the lesson .

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3- a) You were reading .

b) They were cleaning the car .

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Exercise 7 :

Put the words in a correct order to get coherent sentences

رتب الكلمات لكي تتحصل على جمل مفيدة

1- Amel / her / mother / was / in / helping /
kitchen / the / while / Karim / cleaning / the /
was / car / .

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2- Children / playing / in / streets / were / the/ while/
parents / staying / home / were / their / at / .

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REMEMBER

Past continuous tense : Was / were + verb + « ing »

eg : They were playing a football match

Negative : Was not / were not + V+ ing

eg : She was not preparing lunch

Interrogative : Was / were + sub + v +ing

eg : **Were they cleaning** the house ?

While : **2 simultaneous actions**

eg : **While** he was looking for his keys , I was shaving

or : I was shaving **while** he was looking for his keys