

Past Continuous Exercises

Positive and negative sentences

A. Add the past continuous form of the verb

Frank _____ his work. (not do)

→ Frank was not doing his work. OR Frank wasn't doing his work.

1. They _____ dinner at 7 last night. (cook)
2. He _____ TV when I arrived. (not watch)
3. My sister _____ her friend later that day. (meet)
4. The children _____ chess. (not play)
5. I saw him while I _____ for the bus. (wait)
6. She _____ a new book at the time. (write)
7. Aaron _____ to the teacher. (not listen)
8. We _____ at a hotel before we moved into our apartment. (stay)
9. The dog _____ around the park. (run)
10. You _____ attention in class. (not pay)

B. Make past continuous sentences with these words

read / they / a / book / not

→ They were not reading a book. OR They weren't reading a book.

11. she / study / exam / not / for / her
12. afternoon / play / he / football / yesterday
13. last / French / I / learn / year
14. clean / my / father / kitchen / the
15. the / we / enjoy / weather / not
16. I / go / a lot / gym / the / to / then
17. paint / Ethel and Frank / the / house / not
18. George and I / our / do / homework
19. live / with / James / his / brother / not
20. Amy / visit / this / weekend / her / family

Answers

A.

1. They **were cooking** dinner at 7 last night.
2. He **was not watching** TV when I arrived. / He **wasn't watching** TV when I arrived.
3. My sister **was meeting** her friend later that day.
4. The children **were not playing** chess. / The children **weren't playing** chess.
5. I saw him while I **was waiting** for the bus.
6. She **was writing** a new book at the time.
7. Aaron **was not listening** to the teacher. / Aaron **wasn't listening** to the teacher.
8. We **were staying** at a hotel before we moved into our apartment.
9. The dog **was running** around the park.
10. You **were not paying** attention in class. / You **weren't paying** attention in class.

B.

11. She was not studying for her exam. / She wasn't studying for her exam.
12. He was playing football yesterday afternoon.
13. I was learning French last year.
14. My father was cleaning the kitchen.
15. We were not enjoying the weather. / We weren't enjoying the weather.
16. I was going to the gym a lot then.
17. Ethel and Frank were not painting the house. / Ethel and Frank weren't painting the house.
18. George and I were doing our homework.
19. James was not living with his brother. / James wasn't living with his brother.
20. Amy was visiting her family this weekend.