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Past continuous

Focus: past continuous: was / were + -ing, negatives, questions and short answers; -ing spelling

PAST CONTINUOUS

An action in progress at a past time: **was / were** + verb + **-ing**.
I **was waiting**. He **wasn't** driving. **Was** she sleeping? Yes, she was.
What **were** you doing? Spelling: sitting, driving, lying, carrying.

1 Complete the table with the -ing form.

Example: wait → waiting

Verb	-ing form	Verb	-ing form
run	_____	make	_____
sit	_____	write	_____
stop	_____	lie	_____
swim	_____	carry	_____

2 Complete with the past continuous. Use short forms.

Example: At six o'clock I _____ (cook) dinner. → was cooking

1. At eight o'clock yesterday we _____ (drive) to Tbilisi.
2. Sara _____ (not / listen). She _____ (look) at her phone.
3. We _____ (not / work) yesterday afternoon. It was a holiday.
4. They _____ (wait) for the bus at seven. It _____ (rain).
5. Ken _____ (carry) two boxes and his wife _____ (open) the door.
6. _____ (you / sleep) at midnight? No, I _____. I was reading.

3 Put the words in order to make questions.

Example: were / what / doing / you / ? → What were you doing?

1. was / it / raining / at ten o'clock / ?

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2. were / where / going / they / ?

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ANSWER KEY

1 1 running, 2 making, 3 sitting, 4 writing, 5 stopping, 6 lying, 7 swimming, 8 carrying **2** 1 were driving, 2 wasn't listening / was looking, 3 weren't working, 4 were waiting / was raining, 5 was carrying / was opening, 6 Were you sleeping / wasn't **3** 1 Was it raining at ten o'clock? | 2 Where were they going?

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