

6- Passive in the past continuous Tense

O - was(were) - being - p.p.

Ex. 1. he was typing **the letter**.

The letter was being typed.

2. They were building **new houses**.

New houses were being built

Form of the Past Progressive/Continuous

We use a form of to be (was or were), the infinitive of the verb and the ending -ing.

to be (was, were) + infinitive + -ing

Affirmative sentences:

I/he/she/it **was playing** football.

We/you/they **were playing** football.

NOTE: Use **was** with **I, he, she, it** - and **were** with **all other pronouns**.

In affirmative sentences we do not use short forms in the Past Progressive.

Negative sentences:

I/he/she/it **was not playing** football.

We/you/they **were not playing** football.

We use short forms in the Past Progressive in negative sentences:

I/he/she/it **wasn't playing** football.

We/you/they **weren't playing** football.

Questions:

In the Past Progressive we put the auxiliary (was or were) before the subject (Auxiliary - Subject - Verb - Rest).

Was I/he/she/it **playing** football?

Were we/you/they **playing** football?

Exercises on Passive Voice - Past Progressive

1-Put in the verbs in brackets into the gaps. Use the Past Progressive/Present Continuous. Watch the punctuation and form sentences or questions.

Example: ____ she _____ home? (**to walk**)

Answer: **Was** she **walking** home?

1) She a heavy bag. (**to carry**)

2) they hands? (**to shake**)

3) I a screwdriver. (**not/to use**)

4) the teacher the exercises? (**to explain**)

5) He in the kitchen. (**not/to help**)

6) The people themselves. (**to enjoy**)

7) in the garden? (**Nick/to dig**)

8) He thinks you too quickly. (**to drive**)

9) We . (**not/to hurry**)

10) when someone stole your clothes? (**you/not/to swim**)

2-Rewrite the sentences in passive voice.

1. We were talking about Francis. - Francis w as

2. He was playing the guitar. -

3. She was watching a film. -

4. I was repairing their bikes. -
5. They were not eating dinner. -
6. We were not painting the gate. -
7. You were not driving him home. -
8. He was not feeding the dogs. -
9. Was she reading these lines? -
10. Were they carrying bags? –