

# PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

1. Mr. Roberts and his daughter \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) in the park at 7 a.m. yesterday morning.
2. Janice \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) to her English teacher when he asked her a hard question.
3. Who \_\_\_\_\_ (make) that noise while Billy \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the paragraph?
4. The Johnsons \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a horror film when the doorbell rang.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) to the office when I saw an accident on Palm Street.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when I texted you about the party yesterday afternoon?
7. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (go) at 10 p.m. last night? I saw while you \_\_\_\_\_ (leave).
8. My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ (plant) an olive tree while we \_\_\_\_\_ (water) the flowers.
9. Isabella \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a shower when the electricity went off this morning.
10. What \_\_\_\_\_ Alan and Beverly \_\_\_\_\_ (do) when their father came into the room?
11. Why \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (shout) at Noah and Randy a few hours ago?
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not do) anything when my best friend, Charlotte offered to go to the cinema.
13. We \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) fish and chips in the restaurant at about 1 p.m. yesterday.
14. The detective \_\_\_\_\_ (question) three men for the bank robbery last night.
15. Mr. Cooper \_\_\_\_\_ (repair) a gold watch when I went into his shop.
16. It \_\_\_\_\_ (not rain) outside when we left home. So we didn't take our umbrellas.
17. Who \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) with when I met you in the shopping mall yesterday?
18. He \_\_\_\_\_ (look for) a puppy in the animal shelter when he suddenly decided to adopt a cat with three kittens.
19. Judy and Grace \_\_\_\_\_ (not read) their books in the classroom this morning. They \_\_\_\_\_ (write) their essays.
20. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) breakfast while my sister and I \_\_\_\_\_ (set) the table at about 7 a.m. this morning.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ your grandma \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a nap on the sofa a few hours ago?
22. She \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music an hour ago.



Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets to complete the sentences

23. I was very scared tonight because I thought a man \_\_\_\_\_ (follow) me.
24. Lawrence \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) down the street when he found a hundred dollar bill.
25. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner when aunt Judy knocked the door yesterday evening.
26. The footballers \_\_\_\_\_ (not play) well so their coach yelled at them in anger.
27. My cousins \_\_\_\_\_ (not swimming), but they \_\_\_\_\_ (sunbathe) on the beach when a shark appeared on the shore.
28. Diane \_\_\_\_\_ (swing) in the playground when it suddenly started snowing.
29. Mrs. Ward \_\_\_\_\_ (feed) the cats on the pavement when the earthquake happened.
30. His sons \_\_\_\_\_ (not sleep) in their beds at 11 p.m. last night. They \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) orange juice and playing tic-tac-toe.
31. Mr. Hughes \_\_\_\_\_ (sweep) the leaves in the driveway when the postman came.
32. What \_\_\_\_\_ the students \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) on the smartboard when the teacher came?
33. The boss \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) on the phone when the secretary brought the reports.
34. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) spaghetti and fried chicken when I last saw her.
35. At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, my friends and I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) hide and seek.
36. The police officer asked "What \_\_\_\_\_ the man \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) when he entered the bank?"
37. Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (play) on the monkey bars when I went to the park this morning.
38. It \_\_\_\_\_ (hail) heavily this afternoon so a lot of birds came my balcony.
39. My grandparents \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the news when their guests arrived home for dinner.

# ANSWER KEY

1. were walking
2. wasn't listening
3. was making / was reading
4. were watching
5. was driving
6. Were / sleeping
7. were / going / were leaving
8. was planting / were watering
9. was taking
10. were / doing
11. were / shouting
12. wasn't doing
13. were eating
14. was questioning
15. was repairing
16. wasn't raining
17. were / talking
18. was looking for
19. weren't reading / were writing
20. were preparing / were setting
21. was / taking
22. was listening
23. was following
24. was walking
25. were having
26. weren't playing
27. weren't swimming / were sunbathing
28. was swinging
29. was feeding
30. weren't sleeping / were drinking
31. was sweeping
32. were / watching
33. was talking
34. was cooking
35. were playing
36. was / wearing
37. was playing
38. was hailing
39. were watching