

# Past Progressive

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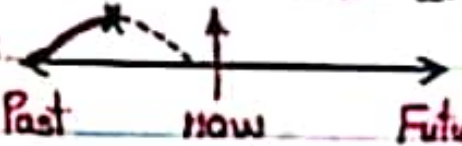
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**Form:** (Singular + I) + was + infinitive + ing : He/she/it/I was eating.  
(Plural) + were + infinitive + ing : We/They/You were eating.

**Negation:** wasn't + infinitive + ing : He/she/It/I wasn't eating.  
weren't + infinitive + ing : We/They/You weren't eating.

**Questions:** Was/Were + subject + infinitive + ing ... ?  
\* Was he waiting? \* Were they waiting?

**Time Adverbials:** 1. when 2. while 3. as 4. just as

**Timeline:**  \* Mahmoud was studying when they came.  
\* We were studying when they came.

**Uses:** 1. To talk about activities that continued in on a specific time in the past:

\* What were you doing at 8:30 last night?

2. To talk about activities that from a background for some events:

\* She was waiting for her friend when I met her.

\* I met her while she was waiting for her friend.

\* I met her as she was waiting for her friend.

**Examples:**

1. When Mahmoud drove his car, he began to think of his problems. ✓

2. When Mahmoud was driving his car, he began to think of his problems. ✓

3. While Mahmoud was driving his car, he began to think of his problems. ✓

4. While Mahmoud drove his car, he began to think of his problems. ✗

**Note:** We can usually use the simple past or the past progressive after "When". But the past progressive must be used only after "While". see no. 4

# Simple Present

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\* Form: Singular + infinitive + (e)s : He/She/It loves Jordan.  
(I + plural) + infinitive : I/We/They/You love Egypt.

\* Negation = (not) : singular + doesn't + infinitive : She/He doesn't smoke.  
(I + plural) + don't + infinitive : I/We/They/You don't smoke.

\* Question = ? : Does + singular + infinitive : Does it rain?  
Do + (I + plural) + infinitive : Do you smoke?

\* Time Adverbials: 1. always 2. usually 3. regularly 4. every + time  
5. often 6. sometimes 7. occasionally 8. from time to time  
9. twice a ... 10. rarely 11. seldom 12. hardly ever  
13. scarcely 14. once a ... 15. never 16. daily  
17. weekly 18. monthly 19. yearly 20. frequently  
21. generally 22. normally

\* Timeline: 

\* Uses: \* To talk about : 1. activities that we repeat regularly (routine, habit):

- \* Examples : a. He watches TV.  
b. She plays tennis.  
c. We go to school everyday  
d. I study at a Teacher Training College.
2. states, feelings, opinions and truths :

- \* Examples : a. I live in Jordan. (state)  
b. They are angry. (feeling)  
c. English is easy. (opinion)  
d. The sun sets in the west. (truth)