PAST PROGRESSIVE QUESTION WH-QUESTION

Yes/No Questions in the Past Progressive (Continuous)

To ask a question that will be answered with either a yes or no, start with Was or Were, (Wasn't or Weren't for a negative question), then choose your subject (the person or thing doing the action) followed by the ing (present participle) form of the verb, and then the rest of your question.

A form of Be	subject	verbing	rest of sentence
Was	I	walking	too fast
Was	he / she / it	shouting	while you were trying to sleep
Were	you / we / they	waiting	for her when the plane landed

1. **Was** I **talking** to you?

2. **Were** you **writing** the report when the electricity went off?

3. When you came home, **was** he **singing** in the shower?

4. **Wasn't** Tom **sitting** in the cafe when you drove past?

Wh-Questions in the Past Progressive (Continuous)

Wh- questions are questions that require more information in their answers. Typical wh-words are what, where, when, which, why, who, and how. To create a wh-question, start with the Wh-word, then was or were (wasn't or weren't for a negative question), then the subject (a person or thing that does the action), followed by the ing (participle) form of the verb and only then add the rest of the sentence.

Wh Word	a form of be	subject	verbing	rest of sentence
Who	was	I	talking	to
What	was	he / she / it	doing	
When	were	you / we / they	planning	on telling me the bad news

1. **Where were** you stand**ing** when the trouble started?

2. **Who was** I talk**ing** to? I can't remember.

3. Why **wasn't** she wait**ing** at the meeting point?

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