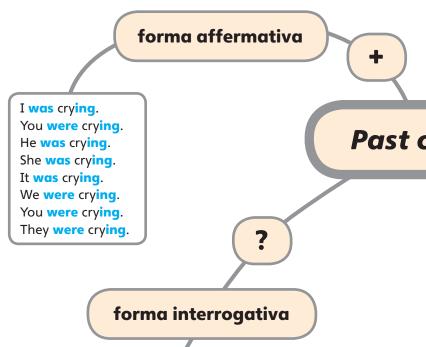
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forma interrogativa	risposte brevi
Was I crying?	Yes, you were. / No, you weren't.
Were you crying?	Yes, I was. / No, I'm wasn't.
Was he crying?	Yes, he was. / No, he wasn't.
Was she crying?	Yes, she was. / No, she wasn't.
Was it crying?	Yes, it was. / No, it wasn't.
Were we crying?	Yes, you were. / No, you weren't.
Were you crying?	Yes, we were. / No, we weren't.
Were they crying?	Yes, they were. / No, they weren't.

forma negativa

You weren't crying.
He wasn't crying.
She wasn't crying.
It wasn't crying.
We weren't crying.
You weren't crying.
They weren't crying.

I wasn't crying.

Past continuous

uso

Il *Past continuous* corrisponde all'imperfetto italiano o alla costruzione stavo, stavi, ecc. + verbo al gerundio.

The teacher was writing on the blackboard.

L'insegnante scriveva / stava scrivendo alla lavagna.

Il *Past continuous* si usa per descrivere un'azione che era in corso in un momento preciso del passato.

Yesterday at 7 p.m. I was playing football.

Con questo significato il *Past continuous* è spesso accompagnato da espressioni di tempo che collocano l'azione nel passato e ne indicano la durata, quali:

• from ... to

Yesterday Sheila was shopping from 3 to 4 p.m.

• between ... and

We were having breakfast between 7 and 7.30.

Il *Past continuous* si usa anche per parlare di un'azione che stava avvenendo nel passato e che viene interrotta da un'altra.

I was reading a book when the phone rang.

Stavo leggendo un libro quando squillò il telefono.

In questo caso si usa il *Past continuous* per l'azione che era in corso nel passato e il *Past simple* per l'azione che la interrompe.