

NOTES: -ing with When and While

Using was/were + ing words

Remember this?

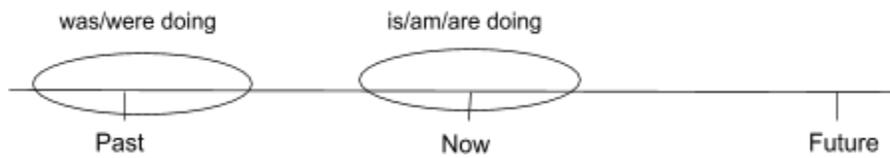
I am + learn + -ing = I am learning

To talk about what we were doing in the past, all we have to do is change one word!

I am learning.

I was learning

What's the difference?



Here's how we do it

I was

He was

She was

It was

Ally was

+ Words + -ing

You were

We were

They were

The dogs were

Examples:

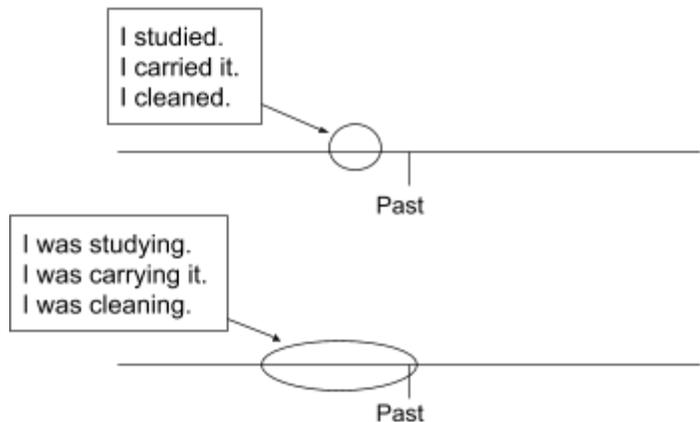
I was sleeping.

They were studying.

Ally was looking for her friends.

The dogs were chasing a squirrel.

The difference between "I studied" and "I was studying".



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Adding It All Together

Using was/were +ing with When

Sentence using was/were -ing + sentence using -ed

Examples:

I was writing my research paper when my computer crashed.

When you called me, I was fixing my computer.

When:

One action stops when another starts.

I was writing

My computer crashed

Using was/were +ing with While

1. Sentence using was/were -ing + sentence using -ed

Examples:

While my brother was mixing the soup, my sister cut a tomato.

I studied while they were making dinner.

While:

A short action starts and stops during a longer action

My brother was stirring

My sister cut

2. Sentence using was/were -ing + sentence using was/were -ing

Examples:

While the teacher was reading, the students were listening.

Sam was drawing a car while Lisa was cutting out a heart.

While:

Two actions starting and ending at the same time.

The teacher was reading

The students were listening.