

## Past Continuous Tense

### Grade 5

#### **Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in past continuous tense.**

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner when the guests arrived.
2. The children \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the garden while their parents \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the house.
3. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) heavily last night.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus when we saw our teacher.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) in the pool at 4 PM yesterday.
6. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ (bark) all night.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a storybook at bedtime.
8. My father \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) to work when his car broke down.
9. Ravi and Sita \_\_\_\_\_ (study) together for the exam.
10. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) peacefully in the cradle.

#### **Exercise 2: Make sentences in the past continuous tense using the given clues.**

1. he / write / a letter / yesterday afternoon

\_\_\_\_\_

2. they / have / lunch / at 1 PM

\_\_\_\_\_

3. she / water / the plants / when I arrived

\_\_\_\_\_

4. we / watch / a movie / last night

\_\_\_\_\_

5. the cat / sleep / on the sofa

\_\_\_\_\_

6. the teacher / explain / the lesson / when the principal entered

\_\_\_\_\_

7. I / do / my homework / at 7 PM

\_\_\_\_\_

8. birds / sing / in the morning

\_\_\_\_\_

9. children / play / cricket / in the park

\_\_\_\_\_

10. mother / prepare / breakfast / early morning

\_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 3: Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.**

1. When the phone rang, I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework. a) was doing b) were doing  
c) did d) am doing

2. We \_\_\_\_\_ in the lake when it started to thunder. a) were swimming b)  
was swimming c) swam d) swim

3. Rohan \_\_\_\_\_ to music while he was painting. a) were listening b) was  
listening c) listened d) listens

4. The children \_\_\_\_\_ when their parents came home. a) were sleeping b)  
was sleeping c) slept d) sleep

5. She \_\_\_\_\_ TV when the power went out. a) watched b) watches c) was  
watching d) were watching

6. They \_\_\_\_\_ football in the rain. a) plays b) played c) was playing d) were  
playing

7. While I \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast, my sister was setting the table. a) was preparing  
b) were preparing c) prepared d) prepare

8. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ brightly yesterday morning. a) shines b) shined c) was  
shining d) were shining

9. When the teacher entered the class, the students \_\_\_\_\_ loudly. a) talk b)  
talked c) was talking d) were talking

10. While he \_\_\_\_\_ a book, she was writing a letter. a) was reading b) were reading c) read d) reads

**Exercise 4: Change the sentences from simple past tense to past continuous tense.**

1. She read a book.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. They played cricket.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. I wrote a letter.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. We ate dinner.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. He drew a picture.

\_\_\_\_\_

6. The bird sang sweetly.

\_\_\_\_\_

7. My mother cooked food.

\_\_\_\_\_

8. The baby cried loudly.

\_\_\_\_\_

9. The dog barked at the stranger.

\_\_\_\_\_

10. The teacher taught the lesson.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 5: Identify and correct the errors in the use of past continuous tense.**

1. She were dancing on the stage.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. They was watching a movie.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. I were sleeping at 10 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. The birds was flying in the sky.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. He were reading a book.

\_\_\_\_\_

6. We was playing chess.

\_\_\_\_\_

7. It were raining heavily.

\_\_\_\_\_

8. The baby was crying all night.

\_\_\_\_\_

9. The teachers was correcting the notebooks.

\_\_\_\_\_

10. You was waiting for the bus.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 6: Complete the following passages by filling in the blanks with the past continuous form of the verbs given in brackets.**

### **Passage 1: A Day at the Park**

Yesterday, I went to the park with my family. When we reached there, many people (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) the pleasant weather. Some children (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (play) on the swings while others (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (run) around. My parents (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (sit) on a bench and (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to each other. I saw that an old man (6)\_\_\_\_\_ (feed) the birds. The gardener (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (water) the plants. Two boys (8)\_\_\_\_\_ (fly) kites in the open area. The sun (9)\_\_\_\_\_ (shine) brightly and a cool breeze (10)\_\_\_\_\_ (blow).

## Passage 2: The Busy Street

Last evening, I was standing on my balcony and watching the busy street below. Many people (11)\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) on the footpath. Some workers (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (repair) the road. The traffic police (13)\_\_\_\_\_ (direct) the vehicles. A street vendor (14)\_\_\_\_\_ (sell) fruits and vegetables. Some children (15)\_\_\_\_\_ (return) from their tuition classes. An old woman (16)\_\_\_\_\_ (cross) the road carefully. Two men (17)\_\_\_\_\_ (discuss) something outside a shop. A bus (18)\_\_\_\_\_ (move) slowly due to the traffic. The street lights (19)\_\_\_\_\_ (flicker) and the evening sky (20)\_\_\_\_\_ (get) darker.

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## Answer Key

### Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks

1. was cooking
2. were playing, were working
3. was raining
4. were waiting
5. were swimming
6. was barking
7. was reading
8. was driving
9. were studying
10. was sleeping

### Exercise 2: Make sentences

1. He was writing a letter yesterday afternoon.
2. They were having lunch at 1 PM.
3. She was watering the plants when I arrived.
4. We were watching a movie last night.
5. The cat was sleeping on the sofa.
6. The teacher was explaining the lesson when the principal entered.
7. I was doing my homework at 7 PM.
8. Birds were singing in the morning.
9. Children were playing cricket in the park.
10. Mother was preparing breakfast early morning.

### Exercise 3: Choose the correct option

1. a) was doing
2. a) were swimming

3. b) was listening
4. a) were sleeping
5. c) was watching
6. d) were playing
7. a) was preparing
8. c) was shining
9. d) were talking
10. a) was reading

#### **Exercise 4: Change to past continuous**

1. She was reading a book.
2. They were playing cricket.
3. I was writing a letter.
4. We were eating dinner.
5. He was drawing a picture.
6. The bird was singing sweetly.
7. My mother was cooking food.
8. The baby was crying loudly.
9. The dog was barking at the stranger.
10. The teacher was teaching the lesson.

#### **Exercise 5: Identify and correct errors**

1. She was dancing on the stage.
2. They were watching a movie.
3. I was sleeping at 10 PM.
4. The birds were flying in the sky.
5. He was reading a book.
6. We were playing chess.

7. It was raining heavily.
8. Correct (no error)
9. The teachers were correcting the notebooks.
10. You were waiting for the bus.

### Exercise 6: Complete the passages

#### Passage 1

1. were enjoying
2. were playing
3. were running
4. were sitting
5. were talking
6. was feeding
7. was watering
8. were flying
9. was shining
10. was blowing

#### Passage 2

11. were walking
12. were repairing
13. was directing
14. was selling
15. were returning
16. was crossing
17. were discussing
18. was moving
19. were flickering



20.was getting

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