

Past Progressive

The past progressive tense puts emphasis on the course of an action in the past.

Form

	Affirmative	Negative	Question
I, He, She, It	I was speaking.	I was not speaking.	Was I speaking?
You, We, They	You were speaking.	You were not speaking.	Were you speaking?

Use of Past Progressive

- **Puts emphasis on the course of an action in the past.** Example: He was playing cricket.
- **Two actions happening at the same time in the past.** Example: While she was preparing dinner, he was washing the dishes.
- **Action going on at a certain time in the past.** Example: When I was having breakfast, the phone suddenly rang.

Signal Words of Past Progressive

- When
- While
- As long as

