

UNIT 4

PAST CONTINUOUS

Form

We form the past continuous with **was/were** (past tense of the verb "to be") and add **-ing to the base form of the main verb**.

Affirmative:	I was eating, you were eating, he was eating etc
Negative:	I wasn't eating, you weren't eating, he wasn't eating etc
Interrogative:	Was I eating?, Were you eating?, Was he eating? etc
Short answers:	Yes, I/he/she/it was. Yes, you/we/they were. No, I/he/she/it wasn't. No, you/we/they weren't.

Use

We use the **past continuous** for:

- two or more actions **happening at the same time in the past**.
*John **was cutting** the grass while Jenny **was planting** flowers.*
- an action which was in progress when another action interrupted it. We use the past continuous for the action in progress (longer action) and the past simple for the action that interrupted it. (shorter action).
*She **was having** a bath when the phone **rang**.*
- an action **in progress at a stated time in the past**.
*James **was sleeping** at 9 o'clock last night.*
- **background information in a story**.
*The wind **was blowing** when Jane left work last Friday.*

ADVERBS

Adverbs usually describe verbs. *He drives **fast**.*

Form

- We usually form adverbs by adding **-ly** to the adjective.
careful - carefully
- When the adjective ends with a **consonant + y**, we drop -y and add **-ily** to form the adverb. *lucky - luckily*
- Some adverbs have the same form as their adjectives.
hard → hard, fast → fast, early → early

Note: good → well
better
best

far

wrongly
worse
worst