

PAST CONTINUOUS (PAST PROGRESSIVE)

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Narrative Masterclass & Review

Guided Creative Writing: "The Disastrous Camping Trip"

Use the prompts below to write a 4- to 5-sentence story. You MUST use at least **two Past Continuous verbs** and **two Past Simple interrupts** using *when* or *while*.

- **Useful Vocabulary Prompts**:
  - *Set the scene:* pitching the tent / cooking over the campfire / wind blowing through trees
  - *The interruption:* a bear arrived / a thunderstorm started / the tent collapsed

Your Story: It was 8:00 PM on a foggy Friday night… _____

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5-Minute Final Check Quiz

Choose the correct option (A, B, or C) for each sentence.

1. While I _____ to work, I saw an old friend.
   A) walked **B)** was walking **C)** am walking
2. What _____ at 9:00 PM last night when I called?
   A) were you doing **B)** did you do **C)** you were doing
3. She _____ the house when suddenly the electricity went off.
   A) cleaned **B)** was cleaning **C)** cleans
4. We _____ to the beach because it was raining heavily.
   A) weren't going **B)** didn't go **C)** wasn't going

B1 Mastery Checklist

- [__] I can set the background scene of a story using the Past Continuous.
- [__] I know how to interrupt an action using *when* + *Past Simple*.
- [__] I can describe two simultaneous past actions using *while*.
- [__] I remember that state verbs (like *know, like, want*) don't take *-ing* in continuous tenses.

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Answer Key

Final Check Answers:

1. B (was walking)
2. A (were you doing)
3. B (was cleaning)
4. B (didn't go - completed action/decision)

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