

Past Continuous

Learner worksheet - 20 questions

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle one option or write your answer on the line. In sentence changes, keep the same subject and details.

Standard contractions are accepted where appropriate. There is no timer.

1. Complete: I ___ a letter at eight last night. (read)

- A. was reading
- B. were reading
- C. was to read

2. Complete: We ___ in the library at ten yesterday. (study)

- A. were to study
- B. was studying
- C. were studying

3. Complete: You ___ near the door during the talk yesterday. (sit)

- A. was sitting
- B. were to sit
- C. were sitting

4. Complete: The driver ___ at the crossing when I saw him. (stop)

5. Complete: They ___ the chairs at nine yesterday. (move)

6. Negative: I ___ a letter at eight last night. (read)

7. Negative: He ___ an email when the phone rang. (write)

8. Negative: My children ___ in the garden at four yesterday. (play)

9. Negative: The driver ___ at the crossing when I saw him. (stop)

- A. were not stopping
- B. was not stopping
- C. was not to stop

10. Negative: You ___ a heavy bag when I saw you. (carry)

- A.** were not to carry
- B.** were not carrying
- C.** was not carrying

11. Question: ___ I reading a letter at eight last night?

12. Question: ___ he writing an email when the phone rang?

13. Question: ___ the nurse checking a patient's details when I arrived?

14. Order the words to make a question.

Words: stopping / when / him / crossing / at / I / driver / the / Was / saw / the

15. Order the words to make a question.

Words: on / the / Was / doorbell / rang / he / the / sofa / when / lying

16. Make it negative: I was reading a letter at eight last night.

17. Make it negative: They were waiting for the bus at six yesterday.

18. Make a yes/no question: We were planning our project at eleven yesterday.

19. Correct the sentence: I was write a letter at eight last night.

20. Correct the sentence: He was lieing on the sofa.

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Answer key - tutor copy

Accept grammatically correct alternatives that preserve the requested meaning and details, including standard contractions. The online practice may ask for a particular sentence pattern.

1. (A) was reading
2. (C) were studying
3. (C) were sitting
4. was stopping
5. were moving
6. was not reading
7. was not writing
8. were not playing
9. (B) was not stopping
10. (B) were not carrying
11. Was
12. Was
13. Was
14. Was the driver stopping at the crossing when I saw him?
15. Was he lying on the sofa when the doorbell rang?
16. I was not reading a letter at eight last night.
17. They were not waiting for the bus at six yesterday.
18. Were we planning our project at eleven yesterday?
19. I was writing a letter at eight last night.
20. He was lying on the sofa.

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