Past Continuous Tense Worksheet with Answers

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A. Fill in the blanks

Write the past continuous form of the verb in brackets. The answer may have more than one word. Where a sentence has two blanks, write both words.

1. At 7 o'clock yesterday, Meena _____ (cook) dinner.
2. The boys _____ (play) football in the ground at four.
3. I _____ (not / do) my homework at that time.
4. _____ you _____ (sleep) at midnight?
5. It _____ (snow) heavily in Shimla when we arrived.
6. My sister _____ (talk) on the phone at eight o'clock.
7. The cows _____ (graze) in the field at sunrise.
8. What _____ Arjun _____ (do) at 6 p.m. yesterday?

B. When or while?

Write when or while in each blank.

1. I was walking home _____ it started to rain.
2. Mother was cooking _____ father was reading the newspaper.
3. The bell rang _____ the teacher was writing on the board.
4. We were watching a film _____ the power went off.
5. The children were playing _____ their mother was shopping.
6. Arjun broke his arm _____ he was playing cricket.

C. Past continuous and simple past

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Each sentence has two blanks.

1. While Meena _____ (water) the plants, it _____ (begin) to rain.
2. I _____ (see) an accident while I _____ (walk) to school.
3. While the thief _____ (hide) behind the door, the police _____ (enter).
4. Ravi _____ (fall) off his bike while he _____ (ride) to Pune.
5. When the teacher _____ (come) in, the students _____ (talk).

D. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the sentence correctly.

1. We was playing carrom at 5 o'clock.

2. She was singing when I enter the room.

3. They were play cricket yesterday evening.

4. I was not watch TV when you called.

E. Write your own

Write one sentence about each.

1. What were you doing at 8 p.m. yesterday?

2. Write a sentence with while about two things happening together.

Answer Key

A. Fill in the blanks

1. was cooking
2. were playing
3. was not (wasn't) doing
4. Were; sleeping
5. was snowing
6. was talking
7. were grazing
8. was; doing

B. When or while?

1. when
2. while
3. when (or while)
4. when
5. while
6. while (or when)

C. Past continuous and simple past

1. was watering; began
2. saw; was walking
3. was hiding; entered
4. fell; was riding
5. came; were talking

D. Correct the mistakes

1. We were playing carrom at 5 o'clock.
2. She was singing when I entered the room.
3. They were playing cricket yesterday evening.
4. I was not watching TV when you called.

E. Write your own

1. Answers will vary, e.g. I was eating dinner with my family.
2. Answers will vary, e.g. While I was doing my homework, my brother was playing a game.

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