Chapter 8-2
Past Continuous Tense 過去進行時態
Additional Notes

1. Past Continuous Tense: Structure 🟡

1) Subject and Be Verb Agreement

The **be verb** must agree with the subject.

Subject	Be Verb
I	was
You	were
We	were
They	were
He	was
She	was
It	was

Examples:

- **I was** studying English.
- **They were** playing football.
- **He was** reading a book.
- **She was** washing her bicycle.
- **We were** cleaning the classroom.

Note:

- **was** → **I** / **He** / **She** / **It**
- **were** → **You** / **We** / **They**

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2) Positive Sentences

Structure: **Subject** + **was/were** + **Verb-ing**

Examples:

- **I was painting** a picture when you called.
- **You were carrying** a heavy bag yesterday afternoon.
- **We were cleaning** the classroom at 10 a.m.
- **They were planting** flowers in the garden.
- **He was washing** his bicycle after school.
- **She was travelling** to another city last weekend.
- **It was growing** quickly during the summer.

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3) Negative Sentences

Structure: **Subject** + **was not / were not** + **Verb-ing**
(wasn't / weren't)

Examples:

- **I wasn't waiting** for the bus at that time.
- **They weren't dancing** during the break.
- **He wasn't reviewing** for the test last night.
- **She wasn't arranging** the books.
- **We weren't painting** the walls yesterday.

Notice:

He wasn't washing the car. ✅
He wasn't wash the car. ❌

They weren't carrying boxes. ✅
They weren't carry boxes. ❌

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4) Question Sentences

Structure: **Was/Were** + **Subject** + **Verb-ing** + **?**

Examples:

- **Was she painting** a picture?
- **Were they carrying** boxes?
- **Was he washing** his bicycle?
- **Were you waiting** for the bus?
- **Were we cleaning** the classroom?

Notice:

Was she painting a picture? ✅
Was she paint a picture? ❌

Were they carrying boxes? ✅
Were they carry boxes? ❌

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5) Common Mistakes

Incorrect
❌ He was wash the car.
Correct
✅ He was **washing** the car.

Incorrect
❌ They were carry boxes.
Correct
✅ They were **carrying** boxes.

Incorrect
❌ Was she paint a picture?
Correct
✅ Was she **painting** a picture?

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2. Past Continuous Tense: Adverbs of Time 🟡

The **Past Continuous Tense** describes an action that was **in progress at a specific time in the past** or **was happening when another action occurred**. **Past Continuous Tense 用來描述一個動作在過去某個特定時間正在進行，或當另一個動作發生時正在進行中的動作。**

Common Time Expressions:

- at 7 p.m.
- at that time［當時］
- yesterday morning
- yesterday afternoon
- last night
- during［在……期間］

Examples:

- I was **waiting** for the bus **at 7 p.m.**
- She was **washing** her bicycle **yesterday afternoon**.
- They were **planting** flowers **last weekend**.
- He was **reviewing** his notes **last night**.
- We were **cleaning** the classroom **at that time**.
- The children were **jumping** in the playground **yesterday evening**.
- I was **studying during the lesson**.