

PAST PROGRESSIVE



FORM We form the past progressive with the past tense forms of the auxiliary verb BE + PRESENT PARTICIPLE (-ing) form of the main verb.



I WAS cooking.



He WAS working.
She WAS working.
It WAS working.



We ARE talking.
They WERE talking.

Verbs ending in
consonant + E

Remove E

HOPE - HOPING
TAKE - TAKING

Verbs ending in
consonant + vowel + consonant

Double the last
consonant

BAT - BATTING
SWIM - SWIMMING

Verbs ending in
consonant + vowel + consonant
and the last consonant is W, X or Y

Don't double
the last
consonant

BLOW - BLOWING
FLEX - FLEXING

Verbs ending in IE

Change IE to Y

DIE - DYING
LIE - LYING

Verbs ending in C

Add K

PANIC - PANICKING

OBJECT and YES/NO QUESTIONS

Invert subject and auxiliary.
Past forms of BE
PRESENT PARTICIPLE

WERE you playing?

When WAS he working?

NEGATIVES

WAS/WERE + NOT
PRESENT PARTICIPLE

I WASN'T going.

We WEREN'T working.