

Past Progressive Tense (Thì Quá khứ tiếp diễn)

I. FORMATION:

(+) S + WAS/ WERE + V+ING + ...

Mary was cleaning her room at 10:00 o'clock yesterday morning.

(-) S + WASN'T / WEREN'T + V+ING + ...

Mary wasn't watching TV at 8 last night.

(?) WAS/ WERE + S + V+ING +?

Was Mary studying when you arrived?

I. USAGE:

1. Diễn tả một hành động đang diễn ra tại một thời điểm xác định trong quá khứ

- I was doing my homework **at 8 last night**.
- We were lying on the beach **at this time last year**.
- What were you doing **at ten this morning**?

2. Diễn tả một hành động đang diễn ra, thì có một hành động quá khứ khác xen vào (when/ while/ as)

- **While** Timo was travelling around Hawaii he surfed a lot.
- I met Dave **when** I was walking in the park.
- The phone rang **as** she was sleeping.

3. Diễn tả hai hành động cùng đang diễn ra song song

- They were painting the fence **while** I was cutting the grass.
- We were lying on the beach sunbathing **as** they were playing volleyball.