

## Past Tense Continuous (Verlaufsform)

**Bildung:** Vergangenheitsform von "to be" (was/were) + Verbformen + "ing"

Aussage	Verneinung	Frage
I was working	I wasn't work	Was I working ... ?
he was working	he wasn't work	Was he working ... ?
we were working	we weren't working	Were we working ... ?

### Anwendung:

1. Die vorübergehende Dauer der Handlung wird betont:  
[We were working all afternoon.]
2. Ein Vorgang dauert an während ein anderer eintritt:  
[I was watching the news when you came.]
- 3a) Bei mehreren Handlungen, die gleichzeitig in der Vergangenheit stattfanden:  
[I was watching TV while Tom was doing the dishes.]
- 3b) Wobei jedoch meist die längere Handlung im Past Continuous steht und die kürzere im Past Tense:  
[Were they waiting when you got there ?]
- 4) Bei mehreren Vorgängen, die nacheinander in der Vergangenheit stattfanden wird aber Past Tense verwendet:  
[I read the newspaper and then talked to my sister.]