Pasado simple o pasado continuo

Acción en marcha: was o were

El pasado continuo cuenta qué estaba ocurriendo en un momento del pasado. Usamos was con I, he, she e it; were con you, we y they. You lleva were tanto para tú como para vosotros. Después va el verbo con ing. En estas frases la acción había empezado antes del hecho que aparece con when. When significa cuando, pero no obliga siempre a usar un tiempo concreto. Aquí el verbo con ing ya está escrito.

Ejemplo resuelto

I ____ reading when the phone rang. → I was reading when the phone rang.

Estaba leyendo cuando sonó el teléfono.

Completa was o were para la acción que ya estaba en marcha.

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03. Anna _____ sewing a button on when the needle broke.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Completa was o were para la acción que ya estaba en marcha.

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34. Ben _____ loading the dishwasher when he dropped a cup.

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Soluciones

Frases con el hueco completado. La respuesta aparece en negrita.

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