Pasado simple o pasado continuo

Acción en marcha: la forma con -ing

Para contar qué estaba pasando usamos was o were y un verbo con ing. Usa el verbo principal de la primera frase. Normalmente añadimos ing: read → reading. Quitamos la e en make → making; duplicamos la consonante en run → running, swim → swimming, sit → sitting, shop → shopping y plan → planning. Lie y tie cambian a lying y tying. La y de study se mantiene: studying. Aquí usamos la ortografía americana: traveling y practicing.

Ejemplo resuelto

I read at night. I was ____ when you called. → I read at night. I was reading when you called.

Leo por las noches. Estaba leyendo cuando llamaste.

Usa el verbo principal de la primera frase. Completa su forma con -ing.

01. I read recipes online. I was _____ one when the screen froze.

02. You close the shop. You were _____ it when the last customer returned.

03. You shop at the market. You were _____ when the stall closed.

04. I write stories. I was _____ one when the printer made a noise.

05. I clean the windows. I was _____ one when the phone rang.

06. We listen to podcasts. We were _____ to one when the battery died.

07. The dog lies by the fire. It was _____ there when we came in.

08. We swim at the pool. We were _____ when the lifeguard blew his whistle.

09. Anna talks to her sister. She was _____ to her when the bus arrived.

10. You wash dishes. You were _____ a cup when it cracked.

11. I plan our trips. I was _____ one when the phone rang.

12. We drink tea. We were _____ some when the lights went out.

13. We make pottery. We were _____ a bowl when the shelf fell.

14. They tie ribbons on gifts. They were _____ one when Grandma arrived.

15. Leo takes photos. He was _____ one when the bird moved.

16. They work on the farm. They were _____ when the storm began.

17. They dance at the club. They were _____ when the music stopped.

18. The baby smiles at us. She was _____ when I took her picture.

19. Dad drives a bus. He was _____ when a deer crossed the road.

20. The boys build models. They were _____ a ship when I arrived.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Usa el verbo principal de la primera frase. Completa su forma con -ing.

21. The cat sits by the window. It was _____ there when the bird appeared.

22. We play board games. We were _____ chess when Dad came in.

23. Nora draws in a sketchbook. She was _____ a fox when her pencil broke.

24. You ride a bike. You were _____ it when a tire burst.

25. The baby sleeps after lunch. She was _____ when I got home.

26. They carry furniture. They were _____ a sofa when the door shut.

27. I eat at the cafe. I was _____ lunch when Mia walked in.

28. Ben runs every morning. He was _____ when it began to hail.

29. My cousins travel by train. They were _____ when I called.

30. Mia cooks lunch. She was _____ rice when the timer rang.

31. You study in the library. You were _____ when the fire alarm sounded.

32. Mom walks the dog. She was _____ him when it started to rain.

33. Mia moves furniture. She was _____ a chair when she found a coin.

34. I use a tablet. I was _____ it when the screen went black.

35. They bake bread. They were _____ when the oven stopped working.

36. Ben watches birds. He was _____ a robin when it flew away.

37. I prepare dinner. I was _____ soup when you rang the bell.

38. Dad waits for the train. He was _____ when the announcement came.

39. We practice the violin. We were _____ when a string broke.

40. The children sing in a choir. They were _____ when the bell rang.

Soluciones

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

01. I was **reading** one when the screen froze.
02. You were **closing** it when the last customer returned.
03. You were **shopping** when the stall closed.
04. I was **writing** one when the printer made a noise.
05. I was **cleaning** one when the phone rang.
06. We were **listening** to one when the battery died.
07. It was **lying** there when we came in.
08. We were **swimming** when the lifeguard blew his whistle.
09. She was **talking** to her when the bus arrived.
10. You were **washing** a cup when it cracked.
11. I was **planning** one when the phone rang.
12. We were **drinking** some when the lights went out.
13. We were **making** a bowl when the shelf fell.
14. They were **tying** one when Grandma arrived.
15. He was **taking** one when the bird moved.
16. They were **working** when the storm began.
17. They were **dancing** when the music stopped.
18. She was **smiling** when I took her picture.
19. He was **driving** when a deer crossed the road.
20. They were **building** a ship when I arrived.
21. It was **sitting** there when the bird appeared.
22. We were **playing** chess when Dad came in.
23. She was **drawing** a fox when her pencil broke.
24. You were **riding** it when a tire burst.
25. She was **sleeping** when I got home.
26. They were **carrying** a sofa when the door shut.
27. I was **eating** lunch when Mia walked in.
28. He was **running** when it began to hail.
29. They were **traveling** when I called.
30. She was **cooking** rice when the timer rang.
31. You were **studying** when the fire alarm sounded.
32. She was **walking** him when it started to rain.
33. She was **moving** a chair when she found a coin.
34. I was **using** it when the screen went black.
35. They were **baking** when the oven stopped working.
36. He was **watching** a robin when it flew away.
37. I was **preparing** soup when you rang the bell.
38. He was **waiting** when the announcement came.
39. We were **practicing** when a string broke.
40. They were **singing** when the bell rang.