Pasado simple o pasado continuo

Negar lo que estaba ocurriendo

Para decir que una acción no estaba ocurriendo usamos wasn't o weren't + verbo con ing. I, he, she e it llevan wasn't; you, we y they llevan weren't. Son las contracciones de was not y were not. El contexto muestra que la acción negada no estaba pasando cuando ocurrió el otro hecho. Por ejemplo, si estaba despierto, no estaba durmiendo. El verbo con ing ya está escrito.

Ejemplo resuelto

I was awake when you called. I ____ sleeping. → I was awake when you called. I wasn't sleeping.

Estaba despierto cuando llamaste. No estaba durmiendo.

Completa las negativas en pasado continuo con wasn't o weren't.

01. We were resting on the shore when the boat passed. We _____ rowing.

02. I was sitting when the teacher came in. I _____ walking around.

03. The cat was asleep when we came in. It _____ running.

04. It was dry when we left the house. It _____ raining.

05. Mom was in bed when the timer rang. She _____ stirring the soup.

06. The girls were barefoot when I saw them. They _____ wearing boots.

07. We were sitting on the bus when Mia called. We _____ cycling.

08. I was wide awake when the bell rang. I _____ sleeping.

09. Emma was walking when the race ended. She _____ running.

10. The TV was off when the phone rang. I _____ watching it.

11. Nora's phone was off when I arrived. She _____ using it.

12. They left the dishes untouched when the bell rang. They _____ washing them.

13. Anna's violin was in its case when the bell rang. She _____ playing it.

14. They were indoors when the rain began. They _____ working in the garden.

15. The boys were sitting when the coach arrived. They _____ skating.

16. Grandpa's car was parked when I called. He _____ driving it.

17. The bus was still when the doors opened. It _____ moving.

18. The workers were in the van when it snowed. They _____ painting the roof.

19. You were silent when the music stopped. You _____ talking.

20. They were silent when the teacher entered. They _____ laughing.

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Continuación: ejercicios 21-40. Completa las negativas en pasado continuo con wasn't o weren't.

21. Dad was a passenger when I saw him. He _____ driving.

22. They were on dry land when the boat left. They _____ swimming.

23. I was asleep when you phoned. I _____ studying.

24. You were on the ground when the branch fell. You _____ sitting in the tree.

25. Ben was on the bus when I saw him. He _____ jogging.

26. My mouth was completely empty when you arrived. I _____ chewing anything.

27. You were lying on the sofa when Dad arrived. You _____ riding a bike.

28. They were at home when the store opened. They _____ shopping there.

29. The dog was inside when it rained. It _____ digging in the yard.

30. We were listening silently when Mom walked in. We _____ shouting.

31. Mia was silent when I arrived. She _____ singing.

32. You had both feet on the ground when I called. You _____ climbing.

33. The baby was asleep when the dog barked. She _____ crying.

34. You were on a chair when I came in. You _____ lying on the floor.

35. We had our arms at our sides when I saw you. We _____ waving.

36. We were seated when Dad came in. We _____ standing.

37. We had empty hands when Mom arrived. We _____ carrying boxes.

38. Leo's pencil was on the desk when I arrived. He _____ using it.

39. My sister's hands were empty when I arrived. She _____ holding my bag.

40. You were asleep when the storm began. You _____ listening to the news.

Soluciones

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

01. We **weren't** rowing.
02. I **wasn't** walking around.
03. It **wasn't** running.
04. It **wasn't** raining.
05. She **wasn't** stirring the soup.
06. They **weren't** wearing boots.
07. We **weren't** cycling.
08. I **wasn't** sleeping.
09. She **wasn't** running.
10. I **wasn't** watching it.
11. She **wasn't** using it.
12. They **weren't** washing them.
13. She **wasn't** playing it.
14. They **weren't** working in the garden.
15. They **weren't** skating.
16. He **wasn't** driving it.
17. It **wasn't** moving.
18. They **weren't** painting the roof.
19. You **weren't** talking.
20. They **weren't** laughing.
21. He **wasn't** driving.
22. They **weren't** swimming.
23. I **wasn't** studying.
24. You **weren't** sitting in the tree.
25. He **wasn't** jogging.
26. I **wasn't** chewing anything.
27. You **weren't** riding a bike.
28. They **weren't** shopping there.
29. It **wasn't** digging in the yard.
30. We **weren't** shouting.
31. She **wasn't** singing.
32. You **weren't** climbing.
33. She **wasn't** crying.
34. You **weren't** lying on the floor.
35. We **weren't** waving.
36. We **weren't** standing.
37. We **weren't** carrying boxes.
38. He **wasn't** using it.
39. She **wasn't** holding my bag.
40. You **weren't** listening to the news.