

5 My Lazy Holiday

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Grammar Notes

Past Continuous Tense 1



Mum, why didn't you answer my call this morning? What **were you doing**?

Sorry, dear. I **was having** a relaxing facial at that time.

We use the **past continuous tense** to talk about continuous actions that were happening at a given point in time in the past. We use '**was / were**' and add '**-ing**' to the main verb to form the **past continuous tense**.

At 7:00 this morning, Jasper **was having** a buffet breakfast.

At three this afternoon, they **were watching** a clown show.

Grammar Tip

We can form the negative sentences in the past continuous tense by adding 'not' to 'was' or 'were'.

e.g. She **was not** watching the fireworks at ten last night.



Common Errors

✓ At ten this morning, I **was drinking** bubble tea.

✓ This morning, I **drank** bubble tea.

✗ At ten this morning, I **drank** bubble tea.

- Mum **visited / was visiting** a water market yesterday morning.
- At 8:30 this morning, we **were not having / didn't have** breakfast.
- What **did Ellie do / was Ellie doing** at 8:00 p.m. last night?
- She **watched / was watching** an animal show at nine o'clock last night.
- Where **did you go / were you going** last week?
- Did you call / Were you calling** Grandpa last night?
- Dad **was going / went** to work early this morning.
- They **played / were playing** games at four this afternoon.

Grammar Tip

We can use the past continuous tense to emphasise that the action continued for a period of time in the past. We use the simple past tense to talk about finished actions happened in the past.

Warm-up

A Mrs Fan is watching a travelling show. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the given verbs.

Hello everyone, welcome to *Relaxing Retreats*. Last month, I spent a weekend at the famous Spa Holiday Village in the New Territories with my family. It was an incredible experience. On the first day at eleven in the morning, I ① _____ (soak) in the hot springs. I ② _____ (look) at the gorgeous views of the nearby mountains and ③ _____ (calm) myself down in the mineral-rich spring water too. It was relaxing. At six in the evening, I ④ _____ (sit) next to a lake. My family and I ⑤ _____ (dine) at a restaurant called Serene at that time. The fusion food they served was new to me, but it was delicious. At 6:30 p.m., the sun ⑥ _____ (set). We ⑦ _____ (enjoy) our meal at the same time as we ⑧ _____ (watch) the glorious sunset. What a wonderful experience!

B Jasper is talking to Lucas about his trip in Cheung Chau. Complete their conversation with the correct form of the given verbs.

Jasper, how's your trip? What ① _____ you _____ (do) in Cheung Chau this morning at 10 o'clock?



The trip was great! At 10 a.m., I ② _____ (surf) at the beach and Ellie ③ _____ (build) sandcastles. Mum and Dad ④ _____ (not play) with us. They ⑤ _____ (drink) coconut coffee.

That sounds nice. How about the afternoon?

Well, at two in the afternoon, we ⑥ _____ (try) some street food. At four, Dad ⑦ _____ (buy) seafood at the market. Then, in the evening, we ⑧ _____ (have) a seafood barbecue.



Practice



Ellie is talking to Jess about her holiday at a resort. Look at the timetable and complete their conversation with the correct form of the given verbs. Add 'not' when necessary.

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	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Ellie	swim, play on the water slides & read a novel	watch a musical	have an afternoon tea
Jasper	play tennis		

: Ellie, how ① _____ your day at the resort in Sai Kung last Saturday? What

② _____ you _____ at around ten in the morning?

: That was a relaxing day! At 10:30 that morning, I ③ _____ at the water

park. I ④ _____ on the water slides there too. At

noon, I ⑤ _____ on a beach chair and

⑥ _____ my favourite novel. I had a great time.

: ⑦ _____ your cousin _____ with you at that time?

: No, Jasper ⑧ _____ at that time. He ⑨ _____ tennis at the

tennis court. We ⑩ _____ an intriguing musical about an acrobat and a

tightrope walker together at 1:30 p.m. We ⑪ _____ an afternoon tea from three to four o'clock at the resort.



Hint: Q6

We do not need to repeat the auxiliary verb 'be'.

Proofreading



There is one mistake in each numbered line. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-6.

1. Terrence has great fun learning about the past today. He was 1. _____

2. go on a guided tour in the Hong Kong Museum of History at 2. _____

3. 9:30 this morning. He were listening to an audio clip about 3. _____

4. people's lives in ancient Egypt at 10 a.m. At noon, he was 4. _____

5. having lunch because he was not hungry. He watched 5. _____

6. videos of old Hong Kong at that time. He also walking around 6. _____

in the souvenir shop before he left.



Grammar in Context



Text Type:
Web page

E Mr Fan is writing a review on a holiday resort web page. Complete the reviews on the web page with the correct forms of the given verbs. Add 'not' when necessary.

be drink enjoy hold offer play prepare stay sunbathe swim take tremble



http://www.travelworld.com/reviews



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The Sea Sand Sun Holiday Resort ★★★★★ (750 votes)

1 Sai Kung Road, Hong Kong

Reviews

The resort was fairly good. I stayed there from 8 to 9 August. On the first day at 7:30 a.m., I ① _____ a shower. However, I found that there ② _____ any hot water. I ③ _____ for the entire time! Then, on the same day at 9:30 p.m., my wife and I ④ _____ in our room. We were about to sleep but we ⑤ _____ the time because the air conditioner kept turning on and off automatically! Luckily, things got better the next day and the resort ⑥ _____ us a free meal as compensation.



Hint: Q5

Pay attention to the connective 'but'.

Posted by Bob Fan on 11 August 20XX

We ⑦ _____ a beach party at the resort last weekend. On Saturday at three o'clock in the afternoon, some of my friends ⑧ _____ in the sea and some ⑨ _____ under the warm sun. At that time, I ⑩ _____ with them because I ⑪ _____ some tropical drinks for my guests. The sun set at about 6:00 p.m. We ⑫ _____ the pineapple smoothies by the beach and enjoying the beautiful sunset at that moment, which was a fantastic one. The environment, food quality and services were all very good!

Posted by Susie Tam on 26 July 20XX

