

Prepositions of time

in, on, at

- **At** — This preposition of time is used to discuss **clock times, holidays and festivals** and **other very specific time frames** including exceptions, such as “at night.”

Clock time:

at 8 o'clock. **at** 2.30.

Ex: He had breakfast **at** 8 o'clock.

Holidays and festivals:

at Christmas, **at** Easter

We always go to the church **at** Christmas

specific time frames

: **at** night, **at** noon, **at** lunchtime, **at** midday/midnight

At night, bats go out to find something to eat.



- **In** – This preposition of time is used to discuss **months, seasons, years, centuries, general times of day, and longer periods of time** such as “in the past.”

months: **in** January, **in** August, **in** December

seasons: **in** autumn, **in** winter, **in** spring

years: **in** 2021, **in** 1985

centuries: **in** 19th century, **in** 21st century

general time of day: **in** the morning, **in** the afternoon,
in the evening

***Exception:** **at** night, **at** noon

At night, bats go out to find something to eat.

longer period of time: **in** the past, **in** the Second World War

Examples: I was born **in** February.

In 2019, COVID-19 started to **spread**.



- **On** – This preposition of time is used to discuss **certain days of the week or portions of days of the week, specific dates, and special days** such as “on New Year’s Day.”

days of the week: **on** Monday, **on** Wednesday, **on** Sunday

portions of days of the week: **on** workdays, **on** weekends

specific dates: **on** the 1st of January. (**on** January 1st.)

on Monday 15th, **on** 2nd.

Special days: **on** Christmas day, **on** Valentine's day,

on Thanksgiving

Examples: I'm so **sick and tired** of people **on** Valentine's day.

She always wears the green dress **on** Wednesday.

Past continuous tense

Past continuous tense ใช้เล่าถึงเหตุการณ์ในอดีต ซึ่งมีด้วยกัน 3 แบบ คือ

1. เหตุการณ์ที่กำลังเกิดในอดีต เช่น

It was raining yesterday at noon.

(ฝนตกลงมาเมื่อวานตอนเที่ยง)



2. เหตุการณ์ที่กำลังเกิดต่อเนื่องอยู่ในอดีต ซึ่งเกิดขึ้นอยู่ก่อน แล้วก็มีอีก เหตุการณ์หนึ่งเข้ามาแทรก เช่น

I was having a beautiful dream when the alarm clock rang.

(ฉันกำลังฝันดีอยู่เชียว นาฬิกาปลุกก็ดังดังขึ้น)

3. เหตุการณ์กำลังเกิดไปพร้อม ๆ กันในอดีต ไม่มีอันไหนเกิดก่อนเกิดหลัง เช่น While my mom was cooking, my dad was washing his car.

(ขณะที่แม่กำลังทำอาหาร พ่อก็กำลังล้างรถ)

Past continuous tense

1. เหตุการณ์ที่กำลังเกิดในอดีต

Affirmative: S+ **was/were**+ **V.ing**.

She **was taking** photos at the park.

James and Janet **were playing** squash.

Negative: S+ **wasn't/weren't**+ **V.ing**.

She **wasn't taking** photos at the park.

James and Janet **weren't playing** squash.

Interrogative: **Was/Were**+ S+ **V.ing**?

Was she **taking** photos at the park?

Were James and Janet **playing** squash?

Task 2

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Directions: Choose 3 pictures of you doing something. Then describe it using Past continuous and Past simple.

1. In this picture,
2. (How old were you?)
3. (What were you doing at that time and where was that place?)
4. (How was the weather like?)
5. (How did you feel that time?)

My life in pictures

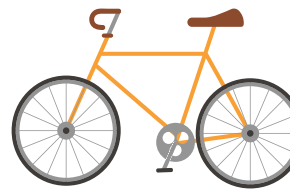


In this picture,
I'm holding my baby
brother Emilio. I'm four
and he's a day old.
He's very big with a
lot of dark hair.

Age 4
my baby
brother Emilio's
first day!



**In this picture, I was 19.
I was riding a bicycle with my
friend at Vachirabenjatas park.
It was sunny and warm. I was
very happy and lively.**



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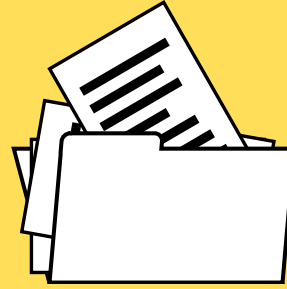


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Criteria



1. Each description contains **the age**, **the activity with the place**, **the weather** and **the feeling** of you back then. One component/point = 5 points for a picture. So the total of points in the component aspect is 15.
2. If any of the components is grammatically wrong -1.
3. There are 3 pictures, each for 1 point. = 3 points.
4. The remain 2 points are for your decoration.

Calculated points = $20/2 = 10$ points

