

## Past Progressive Tense- AR Verbs

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Él estaba = he was	Vosotros estabais= You (plural Spain) were
Ella estaba = she was	Vosotras estabais= You (plu, Fem. Spain) were
Usted estaba = You (formal) were	Ellos estaban = they were
Estaba = (it) was	Ellas estaban = They (feminine) were
Juan estaba = was	Ustedes estaban = You (plural) were Two names = Juan y María estaban

The second word will be a Present Participle, which in English is a verb with an “ing” ending. We use the Present Progressive when we want to say that someone is in the process of doing something. With AR Verbs we cross off the and put in its place “ando”.

Examples :

I was helping= Yo estaba ayudando

You were walking= tú estabas caminando

He was singing= él estaba cantando

She was teaching = ella estaba enseñando

You (formal) were listening = Usted estaba escuchando

We were studying=nosotros estábamos estudiando

They were watching = ellos estaban mirando

You (plural) were preparing = Ustedes estaban preparando

Act. 1: Conjugate the following verbs in the Past Progressive Tense. Remember that you need two words!

1 yo visitar	11 tú pagar
2 tú viajar	12 Usted necesitar
3 él gritar	13 nosotros llevar

4 nosotros tomar	14 Ustedes llenar
5 ellos trabajar	15 yo hallar
6 yo regresar	16 tú hablar
7 tú quitar	17 (it) usar
8 ella preguntar	18 nosotras esperar
9 nosotras patinar	19 ellos desear
10 ellas pasar	20 yo dejar

## Past Progressive Tense- ER and IR Verbs

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The second word will be a Present Participle, which in English is a verb with an “ing” ending. We use the Present Progressive when we want to say that someone is in the process of doing something. With ER and IR Verbs we cross off the ER and IR and put in its place “iendo”.

Examples :

I was returning= Yo estaba volviendo

You were leaving= tú estabas saliendo

He was writing= él estaba escribiendo

She was learning = ella estaba aprendiendo

You (formal) were translating = Usted estaba traduciendo

We were drinking=nosotros estábamos bebiendo

They were eating = ellos estaban comiendo  
You (plural) were doing = Ustedes estaban haciendo

With only ER and IR Verbs, any time there would normally be three vowels in a row, we must change the middle vowel or “i” to a “y”.

Example: leer= **le**iendo = Change “i” to “y”= **le**yendo  
traer = **tra**iendo = change “i” to “y” = **tra**yendo

\*\*\*\*Note stem changing verbs do not usually have a stem change in the Past Progressive tense. The only exceptions are “IR” stem-changing verbs. If the “e” changed in the present tense, it will change to an “i” as the present Participle. If it was an “o” it will change to a “u”.

Examples: Perder (ie)= perdiendo  
Mostrar (ue) = mostrando

But Pedir (i) = **P**idiendo  
Dormir (ue) = **D**urmiendo  
Decir (i) = **D**iciendo  
Morir (ue) = **M**uriendo

Act. 2: Conjugate the following verbs in the Past Progressive Tense. Remember that you need two words!

1 yo comer	11 to traer
2 tú caer	12 tú vivir
3 él beber	13 Usted comprender
4 nosotros leer	14 Juan y yo venir (i)
5 ellos server (i)	15 Ustedes repetir (i)
6 yo escribir	16 yo preferir (ie)
7 tú repetir (i)	17 tú tener
8 ella salir	18 (it) corer
9 nosotras volver (ue)	19 nosotros creer
10 ellas dormir (ue)	20 ellos mentir (ie)