

# Varied Fluency

## Step 4: Using Past Progressive Tense

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (2G4.2) [Learn how to use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form](#)

English Year 2: (2G4.2) [Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing](#)

### Differentiation:

**Developing** Questions to support using the past progressive tense in its simplest form within simple sentences. Words used are phonetically decodable.

**Expected** Questions to support using the past progressive tense of regular verbs within sentences. Words taken from year 1/2 spellings.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support using the past progressive tense of regular and some irregular verbs within sentences. Includes some uncommon spellings.

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## Using Past Progressive Tense

1a. Tick the sentences which use the past progressive tense.

A. They threw the rock. ☐

B. I was playing with him. ☐

C. She was asking her dad. ☐



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## Using Past Progressive Tense

1b. Tick the sentences which use the past progressive tense.

A. They were cooking lunch. ☐

B. I was pushing the swings. ☐

C. Today I went to the dentist. ☐



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2a. True or false? The sentence below is past progressive.

I was asking for help.



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2b. True or false? The sentence below is past progressive.

The bee buzzed in my ear.



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3a. Choose a word to complete the sentence below in the past progressive tense.

Our gran was \_\_\_\_\_ next door.

living

lived

live



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3b. Choose a word to complete the sentence below in the past progressive tense.

The birds were \_\_\_\_\_ in the trees.

sing

singed

singing



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4a. Complete the table.

Present	Past Progressive
pay	
	was/were jumping



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4b. Complete the table.

Present	Past Progressive
	was/were crossing
fix	



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## Using Past Progressive Tense

5a. Tick the sentences which use the past progressive tense.

A. The rocket was flying in space. ☐

B. I agreed with you. ☐

C. She was asking her sister. ☐

D. Mum worked all night. ☐



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## Using Past Progressive Tense

5b. Tick the sentences which use the past progressive tense.

A. The people were sprinting. ☐

B. Megan was swimming in the pool. ☐

C. I helped my friend. ☐

D. He lost his money. ☐



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6a. True or false? The sentence below is past progressive.

**They ate their school dinner quietly.**



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6b. True or false? The sentence below is past progressive.

**She was playing football.**



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7a. Choose a word to complete the sentence below in the past progressive tense.

The bird was \_\_\_\_\_ a home.

find

finding

found



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7b. Choose a word to complete the sentence below in the past progressive tense.

The baby was \_\_\_\_\_ her hair.

pulled

pull

pulling



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8a. Complete the table.

Present	Past Progressive
climb	
	was/were saying
watch	



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8b. Complete the table.

Present	Past Progressive
	was/were breaking
start	
	was/were blinking



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## Using Past Progressive Tense

9a. Tick the sentences which use the past progressive tense.

- A. He drew a wonderful picture. ☐
- B. I was phoning the police. ☐
- C. They drank all their milk. ☐
- D. She was dreaming all night. ☐



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9b. Tick the sentences which use the past progressive tense.

- A. The soldiers fought for us. ☐
- B. The water froze on the lake. ☐
- C. My father was fixing my toy. ☐
- D. He was bleeding from his cut. ☐



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10a. True or false? The sentence below is past progressive.

**The fire was burning London to the ground.**



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10b. True or false? The sentence below is past progressive.

**Many people thought Earth was flat.**



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11a. Insert a word to complete the sentence below in the past progressive tense.

The wind was \_\_\_\_\_ through the leaves.



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11b. Insert a word to complete the sentence below in the past progressive tense.

I was \_\_\_\_\_ my bike when it happened.



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12a. Complete the table.

Present	Past	Past Progressive
	ate	was/were eating
lay		
		was/were needing
	froze	



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12b. Complete the table.

Present	Past	Past Progressive
make		was/were making
live		
	travelled	
		was/were crying



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## Varied Fluency Using Past Progressive Tense

### Developing

- 1a. **B and C**
- 2a. **True**
- 3a. **living**
- 4a. **was/were paying, jump**

### Expected

- 5a. **A and C**
- 6a. **False, it is simple past tense as it doesn't use 'was' or 'were' and doesn't use a verb with an -ing suffix.**
- 7a. **finding**
- 8a. **was/were climbing, say, was/were watching.**

### Greater Depth

- 9a. **B and D**
- 10a. **True**
- 11a. **Various possible answers, for example: howling, blowing**
- 12a.

Present	Past	Past Progressive
eat	ate	was/were eating
lay	laid	was/were laying
need	needed	was/were needing
freeze	froze	was/were freezing

## Varied Fluency Using Past Progressive Tense

### Developing

- 1b. **A and B**
- 2b. **False, it is simple past tense as it doesn't use 'was' or 'were' and doesn't use a verb with an -ing suffix.**
- 3b. **singing**
- 4b. **cross, was/were fixing**

### Expected

- 5b. **A and B**
- 6b. **True**
- 7b. **pulling**
- 8b. **break, was/were starting, blink**

### Greater Depth

- 9b. **C and D**
- 10b. **False, it is simple past tense as it doesn't use 'was' or 'were' and doesn't use a verb with an -ing suffix.**
- 11b. **riding**
- 12b.

Present	Past	Past Progressive
make	made	was/were making
live	lived	was/were living
travel	travelled	was/were travelling
cry	cried	was/were crying