

LE PRÉTERIT BE+ING



Affirmation	Interrogation	Négation
I was working	Was I working ?	I wasn't working
You were working	Were you working ?	You weren't working
He / She / It was working	Was he / she / it working ?	He / She / It Wasn't working
We were working	Were we working?	We weren't working
You were working	Were you working ?	You weren't working
They were working	Were they working ?	They weren't working

⊙ On emploie le prétérit pour :



PARLER :

⊙ D'UNE SCÈNE PRÉCISE DU PASSÉ :

Ex : The tower was burning. People were running !
Voilà ce qui se passait à un moment donné.

⊙ D'UNE « TOILE DE FOND » :

On parle d'un « cadre » passé, au milieu duquel un événement survient.

Ex : We were eating dinner... (toile de fond = be+ing)..
when we heard an explosion. (événement =
preterit simple).



DEMANDER :

⊙ UNE EXPLICATION OU UNE JUSTIFICATION:

Ex : What were you doing with ma computer?
I was surfing the internet..