

Negative Statements in Past Continuous Tense

Grammar worksheet · 20 sentences · A2–B1



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Write the right form in each gap.

1. She _____ any phone calls when I saw her. (*wasn't making / weren't making*)
2. We _____ our meal when the power went out. (*wasn't enjoying / weren't enjoying*)
3. The pipes _____ during the warm night. (*weren't freezing / wasn't freezing*)
4. The cat _____ the birds in the garden. (*wasn't chasing / weren't chasing*)
5. The players _____ the ball in the rain. (*weren't catching / wasn't catching*)
6. We _____ our bags in the hotel room when we realized they were missing. (*weren't unpacking / wasn't unpacking*)
7. They _____ football practice on Sundays. (*weren't having / wasn't having*)
8. He _____ his computer when it crashed. (*wasn't using / weren't using*)
9. He _____ any attention to what she was saying. (*wasn't paying / weren't paying*)
10. Paul and Emma _____ at the party last night. (*wasn't dancing / weren't dancing*)
11. She _____ her assignment at that time. (*wasn't writing / weren't writing*)
12. The students _____ their lunch in the cafeteria yesterday. (*wasn't eating / weren't eating*)
13. The guard _____ the gate at midnight. (*wasn't locking / weren't locking*)
14. They _____ any progress with their assignment. (*wasn't making / weren't making*)
15. I _____ my dinner when the power went out. (*wasn't cooking / didn't cook*)
16. They _____ at the beach when it started thundering. (*wasn't sunbathing / weren't sunbathing*)
17. She _____ yesterday because she was feeling sick. (*wasn't working / weren't working*)
18. I _____ my keys with me when I left the house. (*wasn't carrying / weren't carrying*)
19. The kids _____ in the yard while their parents were working. (*wasn't playing / weren't playing*)
20. I _____ a new recipe for dinner last night. (*wasn't trying / weren't trying*)

Answers

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| 1. wasn't making | 11. wasn't writing |
| 2. weren't enjoying | 12. weren't eating |
| 3. weren't freezing | 13. wasn't locking |
| 4. wasn't chasing | 14. weren't making |
| 5. weren't catching | 15. wasn't cooking |
| 6. weren't unpacking | 16. weren't sunbathing |
| 7. weren't having | 17. wasn't working |
| 8. wasn't using | 18. wasn't carrying |
| 9. wasn't paying | 19. weren't playing |
| 10. weren't dancing | 20. wasn't trying |