

We use past continuous to describe what a person was doing in a specific time

SINGULAR	PLURAL
I was playing soccer at 2:00 pm yesterday.	We were cooking after 3:00pm.
She wasn't drawing yesterday. She was at the hospital.	Andrew and Martin weren't watching TV. They were in the cinema.
Was Susanita having luch at 3:00pm on Tuesday? Yes, she was.	Were you studying Match at Julio's house? No, I wasn't. I was at Mateo's house.



Are you able to answer the following questions. Let's try.

What were you doing ten minutes ago?

was writing information about the past progressive

what were you doing half an hour ago? I was getting ready to enter my class (a) What were you doing at seven o'clock this morning? I was connecting to class (a) What were you thinking about few minutes ago? I was thinking about the answer to the questions in the book (b) Were you watching TV last night? Yes, I was exatching TV in my soon (c) Was is raining a few hours ago? Was it snowing? No, it was my raining (b) What was our teacher saying a few minutes ago? He was giving we directions on what to do after our activity (c) Were we studying English an hour ago? Yes, we were studying English (j) What were you doing at midnight last night?
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I was sleeping
(k.) What were you doing at noon yesterday?
I was on the street with my mother and brother
(I) Who were you talking to a few minutes ago?
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A few minutes ago I was talking to my mother (m) What were you doing at seven o'clock last night?
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MODALS VERBS

CAN

COULD

MAY

SHOULD

WOULD

HAVE TO

MUST

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All the auxiliary verbs except be, do and have are called modals. Unlike other auxiliary verbs modals only exist in their helping form; they cannot act alone as the main verb in a sentence.

USES

General ability. Request.

General ability in the past. Request.

Asking for permission Possibility.

To give advice, a recommendation or a suggestion.

EXAMPLE

They can control their own budgets.
We can't fix it.
Can I smoke here?

Could I borrow your dictionary?
Could you say it again more slowly?
We could try to fix it ourselves.
I think we could have another Gulf War.
He gave up his old job so he could work for us.

May I have another cup of coffee?
China may become a major economic power.

You really should go to the new restaurant on Main Street.

I think you should study for the test so that you don't fail.

ISFS

Used as a polite invitation or to offer.

Describe a prediction (hypothetical situations).

To not sound impolite when disagreeing with someone.

Shows us that the obligation comes from somebody else. It's a law or a rule and the speaker can't change it.

Shows us that the obligation comes from the speaker. It isn't a law or a rule.

FXAMPIF

Would you like to go to the movies with me tonight?
It would be nice to have a barbecue.

I wouldn't agree with that.

We have to complete this activity by Friday.
In Britain you have to buy a TV license every year.

must memorize all of these rules about modal verbs.

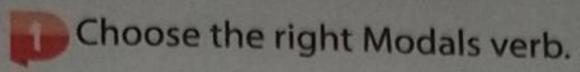
I must call my dad tonight.

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- 1. Where should/may they meet you?
- 2. You shouldn't/couldn't work so hard
- 3. You may/have to leave if you like.
- 4. I can/ would speak five languages.
- 5. You must not/have to drink and drive.
- 6. When would/could you like to go to the movies?

Choose the right modals verb in bracket, and then answer the questions.

MY BEST FRIENDS LIFE

I have many friends. But only two best friends. They are fond of dancing. They	
(can/must) dance very well. They always make a scene.	
I will shortly tell you about one of them. She (could/would) dance	
so well when she was little. She is 15 years old. She has danced for 10 years, but now she	
(can't/ shouldn't) do it. Because is not allowed to dance, because	
she has a problem with her legs. For the first time she danced. But then her legs started achin.	00
Then she asked for advice to her mother. Mother sent her to doctor. And request her to really	
go. When she came to doctor she showed him her legs. The doctor prescribed her tablets . The	
Alesja asked him for permission to dance. Because she really needed to dance. The doctor said	
to her that that now she(can't/wouldn't) dance but in the future she	
might dance.	
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