Imperfect Progressive Tense 5B

To describe something that *was taking place over a period of time in the past* you have two choices…

IMPERFECT tense – which you already know

and

IMPERFECT PROGRESSIVE

Making the IMPERFECT PROGRESSIVE:

Use a form of ESTAR + PRESENT PARTICIPLE

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| estaba | estábamos |
| estabas |  |
| estaba | estaban |

To make the PRESENT PARTICIPLE

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er🡪 iendo

ir 🡪 iendo

Watch out for

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| e🡪i |  | o 🡪u |  |
| decir | diciendo | dormir | durmiendo |
| pedir | pidiendo |  |  |
| repetir | repitiendo | i🡪y  |  |
| seguir | siguiendo | creer | creyendo |
| servir | sirviendo | leer | leyendo |
| vestir | vistiendo | traer | trayendo |

She was cutting the grass….

Ella estaba cortando….

We were reading …..

Nosotros estábamos leyendo