

语法填空专题复习

解析过去进行时在语境中的运用

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高中阶段英语语法学习是在进一步巩固和扩展初中已有语法知识基础上,在具体语境中恰当运用所学语法知识来理解和表达意义,是关注以语言运用为导向的“形式—意义—使用”的三维动态语法观。即:首先要明确语法的结构、语法的变化规律、掌握语法的形式;进而要了解此项语法所能表达的意义、理解此项语法在句式、语篇中所传达出的信息以及此项语法给语言表达带来的不同;最后到达能力的最高点,能够运用语法,不仅在形式上正确运用,还要在意义上运用得恰到好处。

过去进行时是英语重要时态之一。但考生在运用过程中往往存在一些问题:如过去进行时的结构出现错误;对过去进行时的使用背景和所表达的意义不够清晰;过去进行时与一般过去时、过去完成时发生混淆,在选择时态时产生错误;对过去进行时的特殊用法了解较少;不规则动词变ing形式时出现拼写错误等。

为此,本文意在分析过去进行时的构成、功能和使用,以达到能够正确、恰当使用的目的,帮助考生提高语用能力。

一、构成

1. 肯定句:主语+was/were + 现在分词(v-ing)

We were having supper when the phone rang. 电话响时,我们正在吃晚饭。

2. 否定句:主语+was/were not + 现在分词(v-ing)

This time yesterday Jack was not watching TV. He was repairing his bike.

昨天这个时候,杰克不是在看电视,而是在修理自行车。

3. 疑问句:Was/Were + 主语+现在分词(v-ing)或疑问代词/疑问副词+was/were+主语+现在分词(v-ing)

Were you playing basketball at four yesterday afternoon? 昨天下午四点你们在打篮球吗?

You didn't come this morning. What were you doing? 你今天上午没来,在做什么?

二、功能

(一)表示过去某一时刻或过去某一阶段内正在发生的动作,常与表示过去的时间状语连用,如: last night, last Saturday, yesterday, this morning, the whole morning, all day, from nine to ten last evening, when, while, as, at that time 等

1. What was she doing at nine o'clock yesterday? 昨天晚上九点她正在做什么?

2. When I saw him, he was decorating his room. 当我看见他的时候他正在装饰房间。

3. We were watching TV from 7 to 9 last night. 昨天晚上七点到九点的时候我们在看电视。

(二)在某事(动作)发生前开始的动作:过去进行时和一般过去时经常在一个句子里使用,过去进行时表示过去正在进行的动作

1. I was leaving the office when the telephone rang. 当电话响时,我正要离开办公室。

2. He broke his leg when he was playing football. 他踢球的时候把腿伤了。

(三)表示同时进行的动作

1. While you were writing letters, I was reading a book. 你写信的时候,我在看书。

2. While we were having breakfast, Tom was talking on the telephone. 我们吃早饭的时候,汤姆在打电话。

(四)表示过去将来的动作:按照计划、安排过去将要发

生的动作,过去的设想

1. They were leaving for New York a few days later. 几天后他们要动身去纽约。

2. He knew that the plane was taking off in ten minutes. 他知道十分钟后飞机就要起飞了。

3. We thought you were leaving. 我们原以为你要走的。

(五)与 forever, constantly, always, continually 等连用,表示满意、称赞、惊讶、厌恶等感情色彩

1. They were always quarrelling. 他们老是吵架。

2. My mother was constantly praising her. 我母亲总是表扬她。

(六)描绘一片景象

It was a summer morning in the country. The sun was just rising. A gentle wind was blowing. Some birds were singing merrily, flying from tree to tree.

这是乡间的一个夏日早晨。太阳刚刚升起。一阵微风吹过。一些鸟儿欢快地鸣唱着,在树林间飞来飞去。

(七)表示继续刚刚中断的谈话,用于日常生活中

1. As I was saying, we'd better leave things as they are until the police arrive. 正如我刚才说的,在警察到来之前,我们最好保持现场原样。

2. As I was telling you, the boy took his stubbornness from his father. 正像我告诉你的,这男孩的犟脾气是他爸爸传给他的。

【注意】hear, see, notice, feel, taste, listen 等感官动词、like, love, hate 等表示态度感情的动词、feel, want, prefer 等表示心理状态的动词、own, have 等表示“占有”的动词、look, owe, be 等表示存在状态或持续动词,均不能用过去进行时。

[(√) I knew the answer. 我知道答案。

[(×) I was knowing the answer.

[(√) I didn't understand him. 我不明白他的意思。

[(×) I wasn't understanding him.

三、使用

(一)过去进行时 VS 一般过去时

1. 过去进行时表示过去某个时刻或某段时间内正在进行的动作或存在的状态,一般过去时则表示过去发生过某个动作或存在过某种状态

She was walking from the village to the town this morning.

今天上午她由村子步行到城里。(步行整个上午)

She walked from the village to the town this morning.

今天上午她由村子走路到城里。(走去的,不是骑车或坐车去的)

2. 过去进行时可以表示过去反复做的动作,而一般过去时表示只做一次的动作

She was waving her hand. 她不断地挥手。

She waved her hand. 她挥了挥手。

3. 过去进行时表示正在进行尚未完成的动作,而一般过去时表示已完成的动作

She was writing a letter at nine last night.

她昨晚九点钟在写信。

She wrote a letter and posted it. 她写好信就寄走了。

4. 过去进行时表示动作的暂时性,而一般过去时表示动作的持久性

She was living in Shanghai then.

她当时住在上海。(暂时居住)

She lived in Shanghai. 她家住上海。(永久居住)

5. when, while, as 引导的时间状语从句中都可以用过去进行时或一般过去时

I read it when I was drying/dried my hair. 我在吹干头发的时候读的它。

She listened to the music as she was mopping/mopped the floor. 她边拖地板边听音乐。

(1) when 引导时间状语从句表示“这时突然”,其主句

常用过去进行时

He was just getting into the bath when the bell rang. 他正要洗澡,铃突然响了。

(2) while 引导时间状语从句时,主、从句有时均可用过去进行时或一般过去时,表示动作持续的时间大致相等

We were playing cards while they were chopping wood in the yard. 我们在玩牌,他们在院子里劈木头。

She listened closely while Jim read. 吉姆朗读时,她仔细地听着。

(3) 如果 while 引导时间状语从句和主句表示的持续时间有长有短,则持续时间长的用过去进行时,持续时间短的用一般过去时

They arrived while we were having dinner. 他们来的时候我们正在吃饭。

While the discussion was going on, she came in. 讨论正在进行时,她进来了。

(二)过去进行时在高考及模拟阅读语篇中的使用

【2021年海淀区高三二模 Reading B】

It was a reading class. While all her classmates were flying through the 2nd and 3rd books in the Harry Potter series, Skye Malik, only on page four of the first book, got impossibly stuck on the word “doughnut”.

Her unexpected difficulty with reading is called dyslexia. Skye got a professional diagnosis at the end of the 2nd grade. Knowing that other kids were going through the same thing made it easier on her somehow.

【2020年全国卷 Passage B】

I always read, using different voices, as though I were acting out the stories with my voice and they loved it!

四、过去进行时在语法填空中的设题点

Paragraph 1:

John Carter was rescued from the sea near his holiday home yesterday. The accident happened while he ____ (walk) along a steep cliff at the edge of the sea. He was blown off by a strong wind and fell into the sea, 30 meters below.

【解析】故事的整个背景为过去时。第二句的意思为“当他正在沿着海边陡峭的山崖行走的时候,事故发生了”,故应为 was walking。

Paragraph 2:

The first time I saw May, she ____ (sit) in my front yard, hugging my dog Harley. She had just moved into a small house down the road from us. From the second I talked to her, I knew May would be a cherished friend. Her smile and good cheer made me feel better when I was around her.

【解析】故事整体背景为过去时。第一句的意思为“我第一次看到May,她当时正坐在我的前院里,拥抱着我的小狗Harley”,故应为 was sitting。

五、过去进行时在写作中的运用

That day, I was going out to buy a book, it was very hot outside, let me hard to breathe. After I paid for the books and was going back to my home, the day just like a changed face, it was raining cats and dogs.

I was hurrying to find a place to shelter from the rain, holding tightly the book in my arms. What shall I do? It was raining heavily, how can I get back? Then I heard a voice like the sunlight, “Is your house far from here? May I send you home?” I looked up and found it is an uncle, from his clothes I see that he is a volunteer, on the way home, he and I talked very happy, finally, with his help, I got home.

I was looking at his leave of figure, I felt very glad that I believed, if there were more and more people just like him, our country will be stronger and more prosperous.