

Mini Lesson

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Example

We were riding our bicycles along the city paths.

"were" is the helping verb "To Be" and "riding" is the action verb.

Directions

Circle the helping verb **and** the action verbs in the sentences below. The first one has been done for you.

Circle the verb "to be" and the "ing" word.

1 Riders were pushing their bicycles with their feet because there were no pedals yet.

2 In 1819, riders were wearing out their boots.

3 In 1839 it was worrying to balance on two wheels.

4 In 1842, people were riding on sidewalks and were knocking over pedestrians.

5 Cyclists were being fined five British shillings.

6 In 1863, inventors were adding pedals and cranks to the bicycle.

7 In 1885, Starley was experimenting with a steerable front wheel.

8 Women were taking to the bicycle because it gave them freedom to travel further.

9 In the United States between 1900 and 1910 the automobiles were filling the roads. Children were playing with the bicycles.

10 In the late 1960s American's were becoming aware of the health and environment benefits of the bicycle and there was resurrecting of the bicycle.

Worksheet 1/7 on Past Tense Verbs

Past tense of the Verb "To Be"	+ verb	+ ing	Complete sentence
I was	ride	ing	= I was riding.
You were	invent	ing	= You were inventing.
She was	help	ing	= She was helping
He was	laugh	ing	= He was laughing.
It was	rain	ing	= It was raining.
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