

USEFUL PREPARATION

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USING THE PAST CONTINUOUS

was/were

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verb+ing

For example:

I was studying

I was living

I was working

I was travelling

To be perfectly honest,
I can't remember
precisely/exactly when
it was, but it was
when I was studying in
high school.



OR

To be perfectly frank, I
haven't got a clue*
when it was, but I'm
pretty sure it was
when I was travelling
around Europe a few
years back.



*to have no knowledge about something, or
to be unable to remember something

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Phrase	Meaning and Example
To slip my mind	To forget
As for when it was, I'm not entirely sure... it's slipped my mind, but it was a few years ago.	
To remember rightly	We use this expression to say that we think that we can remember something correctly, but we are not 100% sure
If I remember rightly, it was last June.	
At a guess	what you are saying is only an estimate or what you believe to be true, rather than being a definite fact
I can't remember for certain when it was but at a guess, in was in 2017.	