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TOPIC: PROGRESSIVE TENSE

HANDOUT

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Verbs indicate the words that show action and Tenses indicate the time at which the particular action took place.

For eg:- He plays carrom very well.

He played carrom very well.

He will play carrom very well.

In the above examples, words such as 'play', 'played' and 'will play' are Verbs which are in Simple Tenses.

Progressive Tenses

Progressive Tenses express actions that are unfinished or in progress. Progressive Tenses are the same as continuous tenses as they show an action that is continuing to happen. There are three Progressive Tenses: **Past Progressive Tense, Present Progressive Tense** and **Future Progressive Tense**.

PRESENT PROGRESSIVE TENSE/PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE - It is used to talk about actions that is happening right now, frequently and ongoing.

For eg:- I **am writing** a book.

Conjugation of the verbs to form Present Progressive Tense
am/is/are + verb + ing

- ❖ She is playing outside.
- ❖ They are going to watch a movie.

PAST PROGRESSIVE TENSE / PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE –

It is used to talk about ongoing/ continuous actions that was happening in the past at a specific time before another action began.

For eg:- Tim **was studying** for his exams before the power went out at night.

Conjugation of the verbs to form Past Progressive Tense
was/were + verb +ing

- ❖ Rahul and Preeti were walking to the mall.
- ❖ Jack was sleeping when it started to rain.
- ❖ The teacher was discussing the paper with her students.

FUTURE PROGRESSIVE TENSE /FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE

– It is used to talk about continuing actions, something that will be happening, going on, at some point in the future.

For eg:- He **will be going** to the church tomorrow.

Conjugation of the verbs to form Future Progressive Tense
will be + verb + ing

- ❖ John will be writing a letter to his sister.
- ❖ They will be going to school at 8 am in the morning.
- ❖ Ram will be buying a new laptop.

