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CONTINUOUS TENSES

Present Continuous Tense

The present continuous verb tense indicates that an action or condition is happening now, frequently, and may continue into the future.

The Present Continuous Formula: subject+ to be [am, is, are] + present participle (verb+ing)



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S + am/is/are + V-ing +....

He is playing.

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S + am/is/are (not) + V-ing +....

He isn't playing.

?

Am/is/are + S + V-ing +...?

Is he playing?

Usage

Example

Describe something which is happening at the exact moment of speech.

Jim is watching television at the moment.

Describe an action that is taking place now but not at the exact moment of speech.

John is working in London.

Describe an event planned in the future. (informal)

I'm taking my French class on Tuesday.

To describe a temporary situation.

I'm staying with a friend for a few days.

Past Continuous Tense

Past continuous tense refers/denotes to those actions/events that were happening for a particular time in the past.

The Present Continuous Formula: Subject + was/were + present participle (verb+ing)

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S + was/were + V-ing

She was cooking all the morning.

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S + was/were + not + V-ing

She was not sleeping when he came home.

?

Was/were + S + V-ing?

Was she sleeping when he came home?

Usage

Example

To describe parallel actions

While I was washing the dishes, I heard a loud noise.

To describe what someone was doing at a particular point in time

I was working in the garden all day yesterday.

To express interrupted action in the past

I was driving to work when I crashed my car.


To describe repetition and irritation

He was always complaining in class.

Future Continuous Tense

The Future Continuous tense expresses action at a particular moment in the future.

The Present Continuous Formula: Subject + will/shall + be+ present participle (verb+ing)



+	S + will + be + V-ing (present participle) I will be singing in the concert tomorrow.
-	S + will + not + be + V-ing (present participle) I will not be singing in the concert tomorrow.
?	Will + S + be + V-ing? (present participle) Will you be singing in the concert tomorrow?

Usage	Example
To describe interrupted actions in the future	When you come tomorrow, they will be playing tennis.
To express actions in progress at a specific time in the future	At 12 o'clock tomorrow, we will be having lunch at school.
To refer to actions that are happening now and expected to continue in the future	Unfortunately, sea levels will still be rising in 20 years.
To ask a question politely about the future	Will you be bringing your friend to the party tonight?

Exercise:1

Identify the tense in these sentences.



1. My sister **will be performing** in tomorrow's concert. (**future continuous**)
2. The train **is arriving** within five minutes. (**present continuous**)
3. The girls **were studying** when the guests arrived. (**past continuous**)
4. They **are building** a hospital here. (**present continuous**)
5. They **will be reaching** your place in about an hour. (**future continuous**)
6. Father **was reading** the newspaper when we left. (**past continuous**)
7. The witch **is flying** on her broomstick. (**present continuous**)

Exercise:2

Rewrite these sentences using the correct tense of the highlighted verbs as instructed.

1. I hardly **slept** because the dogs **were barking** all night.
2. Dr Basu **will be resigning** from her post this month.
3. Mother **was sleeping** when the burglary happened.
4. The tiger **is growling** loudly because it is angry.
5. Tanya and Tanmay **will be visiting** Benares next week.
6. Hurry up! The bus **is leaving**.

