

Present Continuous – Worksheet 1

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Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

Complete each sentence with *am*, *is* or *are* and the *-ing* form of the verb in brackets.

Example: He ___ (talk) on the phone. → is talking

1. I _____ (read) a book now.
2. She _____ (cook) dinner.
3. We _____ (watch) TV.
4. Tom _____ (play) football in the park.
5. The children _____ (sleep).
6. My mum _____ (drink) coffee.
7. You _____ (listen) to music.
8. They _____ (wait) for the bus.

Exercise 2: Spell the -ing form

Write the correct *-ing* form of the verb in capitals.

Example: I am ___ a song. (SING) → singing

9. Look! The cat is _____ on the sofa. (SIT)
10. Ben is _____ in the sea. (SWIM)
11. I am _____ a letter. (WRITE)
12. Anna is _____ to school. (RUN)
13. We are _____ a cake. (MAKE)
14. The baby is _____ in bed. (LIE)
15. They are _____ in the garden. (DANCE)

Exercise 3: Negatives and questions

Rewrite each sentence as a negative (–) or a question (?).

Example: He is singing. (–) → He isn't singing.

16. I am working. (–)

17. He is eating an apple. (–)

18. They are playing tennis. (–)

19. It is raining. (–)

20. She is studying English. (?)

21. You are sleeping. (?)

22. Sam and Lucy are walking home. (?)

Exercise 4: Put the words in order

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences or questions.

Example: is / he / sleeping / ? → Is he sleeping?

23. is / she / what / doing / ?

24. are / where / going / you / ?

25. not / I / am / dancing / .

26. the / is / dog / running / ?

27. are / they / why / laughing / ?

28. is / Maria / a / wearing / red / dress / .

Exercise 5: Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

Example: He are drawing a picture. → He is drawing a picture.

29. She are reading a magazine.

30. I am eat lunch now.

31. They is playing in the garden.

32. He not is working today.

33. Are you watch a film?

34. We are swiming in the lake.

35. Is they listening to the teacher?

Answer key – Present Continuous – Worksheet 1

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

1. am reading

With I we use am + verb-ing.

2. is cooking

With she we use is + verb-ing.

3. are watching

With we we use are + verb-ing.

4. is playing

Tom is one person (he), so we use is + verb-ing.

5. are sleeping

The children is plural (they), so we use are + verb-ing.

6. is drinking

My mum is one person (she), so we use is + verb-ing.

7. are listening

With you we use are + verb-ing.

8. are waiting

With they we use are + verb-ing.

Exercise 2: Spell the -ing form

9. sitting

Short verbs ending in one vowel + one consonant double the consonant: sit → sitting.

10. swimming

Double the m: swim → swimming.

11. writing

Verbs ending in -e drop the e: write → writing.

12. running

Double the n: run → running.

13. making

Drop the e: make → making.

14. lying

Verbs ending in -ie change to -y: lie → lying.

15. dancing

Drop the e: dance → dancing.

Exercise 3: Negatives and questions

16. I'm not working.

Negative: I am not / I'm not + verb-ing.

17. He isn't eating an apple.

Negative: is not / isn't + verb-ing.

18. They aren't playing tennis.

Negative: are not / aren't + verb-ing.

19. It isn't raining.

Negative: is not / isn't + verb-ing.

20. Is she studying English?

In questions, is comes before the subject.

21. Are you sleeping?

In questions, are comes before the subject.

22. Are Sam and Lucy walking home?

In questions, are comes before the subject.

Exercise 4: Put the words in order

23. What is she doing?

Wh- question: question word + is + subject + verb-ing.

24. Where are you going?

Wh- question: question word + are + subject + verb-ing.

25. I am not dancing.

Negative: subject + am not + verb-ing.

26. Is the dog running?

Yes/No question: is + subject + verb-ing.

27. Why are they laughing?

Wh- question: question word + are + subject + verb-ing.

28. Maria is wearing a red dress.

Positive: subject + is + verb-ing + object.

Exercise 5: Correct the mistakes

29. She is reading a magazine.

With she we use is, not are.

30. I am eating lunch now.

After am we need the -ing form: eating.

31. They are playing in the garden.

With they we use are, not is.

32. He is not working today.

Not comes after is: is not / isn't.

33. Are you watching a film?

In questions we still need the -ing form: watching.

34. We are swimming in the lake.

Swim doubles the m: swimming.

35. Are they listening to the teacher?

With they we use are in questions.

Notes for teachers: Start by miming actions and asking 'What am I doing?' to show that the present continuous is for actions happening now. Common mistakes are leaving out am/is/are ('She reading'), using the wrong form of be, and spelling errors such as 'swiming' or 'writeing'. As a follow-up, show a busy picture and ask pairs to write five sentences about what people are and aren't doing.