Language Conventions: Forming the Progressive Tense

Australian Curriculum

This lesson plan could be used to support the teaching and learning of the following content descriptions from the Australian Curriculum.

Y3 Language: Language for Expressing and Developing Ideas

Understand how verbs represent different processes for doing, feeling, thinking, saying and relating (AC9E3LA07) Understand that verbs are anchored in time through tense (AC9E3LA08)

Aim:

To identify past and present progressive tenses and use them correctly in my writing.

Key/New Words:

Verb, tense, past, present, progressive.

Resources:

Lesson Pack

Whiteboards/jotters

Success Criteria:

I can identify sentences that are written in the past progressive tense.

I can change verbs to past progressive tense verbs.

I can identify sentences that are written in the present progressive tense.

I can change verbs to present progressive tense verbs.

I can use the past and progressive form correctly and consistently in my writing.

Preparation:

Past and Present Progressive Tense in Action - 1 per child

Actors Action Cards - 1 per class/group

Mind Your Tenses Activity Sheet - as required

Assessment Activity Sheet - 1 per child

Application Activity Sheet - as required

Prior Learning: It will be helpful if children have a good understanding of forming the past and present tense.

Learning Sequence



Introductory Activity: Past and Present Tenses: With a partner, ask the children to form some sentences orally in the past and present tenses by following the cues on the **Lesson Presentation**. Then ask them to identify whether sentences are in the past or present tense. Introduce the children to the way in which the progressive forms of past and present tense are formed and ask them to practise writing examples on their whiteboards.

Can the children form the past and present progressive tenses correctly?



Independent Focused Activity: Past and Progressive Tense in Action:

Can the children identify past and present progressive tenses and form them correctly in sentences?



Children circle the correct past progressive sentence and fill the gaps to make correct sentences in the present progressive tense.



Children write sentences in the past and present progressive tenses to match the pictures.



Children write sentences in the past and present progressive tenses with additional detail and extra clauses.



Review Activity: Progressive Performances: Ask for volunteers from the class to come to the front of the room to perform an action. Prepare and shuffle the *Actors' Action Cards* and give one card to each volunteer. Children follow the instructions in the **Lesson Presentation** to demonstrate their ability to form the past and present progressive tenses on whiteboards.

Can the children use the past and progressive form correctly and consistently?



Consolidation Activity: Mind Your Tenses:

Can children change verbs to present progressive tense verbs and past progressive tense verbs?



Children classify sentences as either past, present, past progressive or present progressive tenses by circling them in the appropriate colour.



Children classify sentences and complete a table requiring conversion between past, present, past progressive and present progressive tenses.

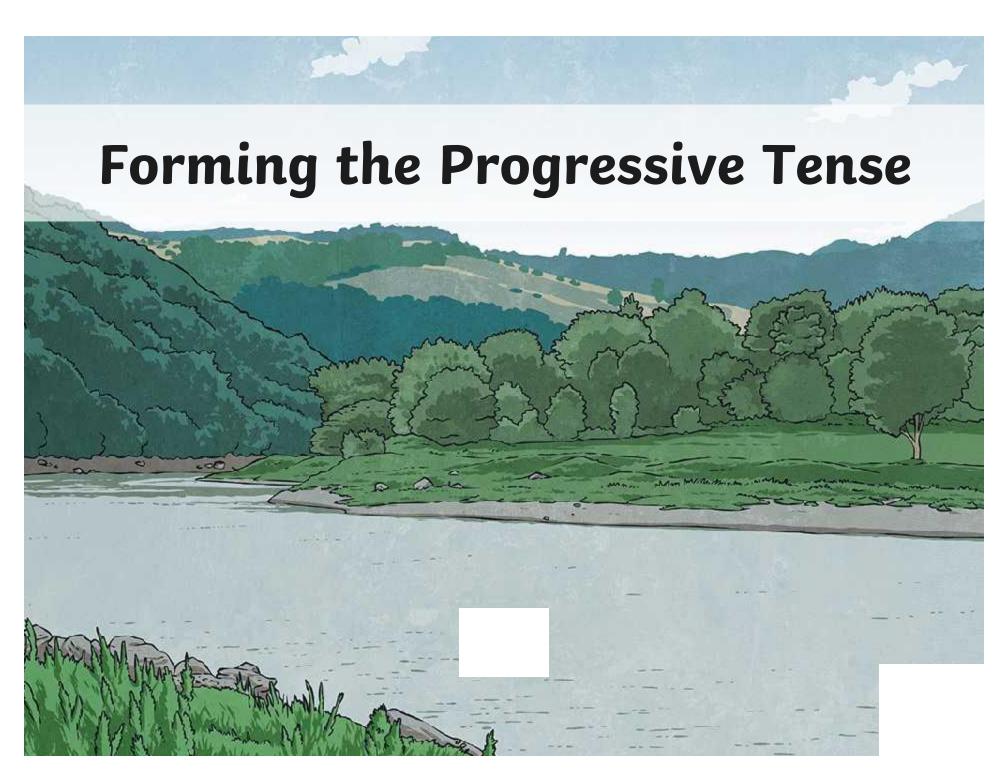


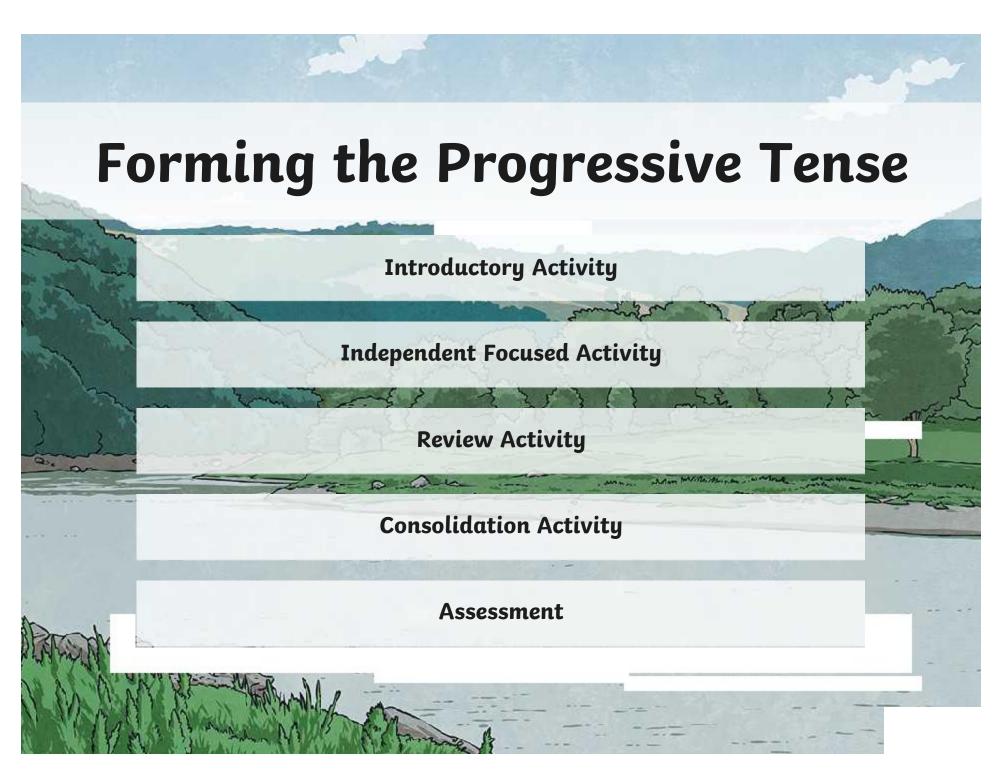
Children complete a table requiring conversion between past, present, past progressive and present progressive tenses and change the tense of some longer passages.



Assessment: Forming the Progressive Tense: The children complete the **Mini Test** in order to test their understanding. The children complete the **Application Activity** as required.





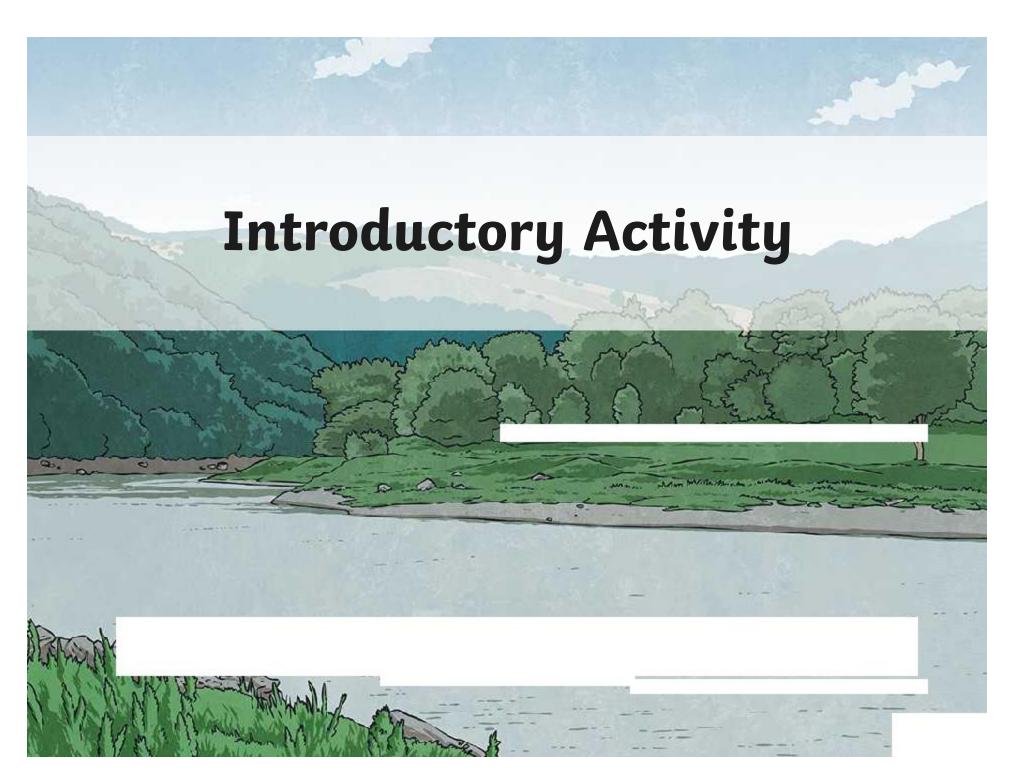


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Past and Present Tenses



Tell your partner about some of the things you did yesterday...

You will be using the past tense to do this!



I ate pizza for tea.



Past and Present Tenses



Tell your partner some facts about yourself...

You will be using the present tense to do this!



I like pizza

I have green eyes.



Past and Present Tenses



Can you move these sentences so they are in the right column?

The past tense is used to describe events which have already happened.

The present tense is used to describe something which is true now and is unlikely to change.

I grew a lot last year.

The Maroons won the State of Origin.

I am tall.

QLD Maroons are the best team.

I watched a good film yesterday.

I like good films.

Past and Present Tenses The Progressive Form



In this lesson we are going to learn about a slightly different form of the past and present tenses.

It is called the Progressive form and is used to describe actions that are or were happening.

Another way of saying this is that they were (or are) in progress.

This is where we get the name Progressive from.

Past and Present Tenses The Progressive Form



Past Progressive Tense: Describes something that was 'in progress' for a certain amount of time.

It is formed with the past tense of 'to be' and an -ing ending.

Past tense of 'to be'

Add a verb ending in -ing

I was You were He/she/it was fishing swimming sleeping

We were You were They were crying choosing jumping



Can you write some examples on your whiteboard?

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Present Progressive Tense: Describes something that is 'in progress' now. It is formed by adding a verb ending in -ing to the present tense of 'to be'.

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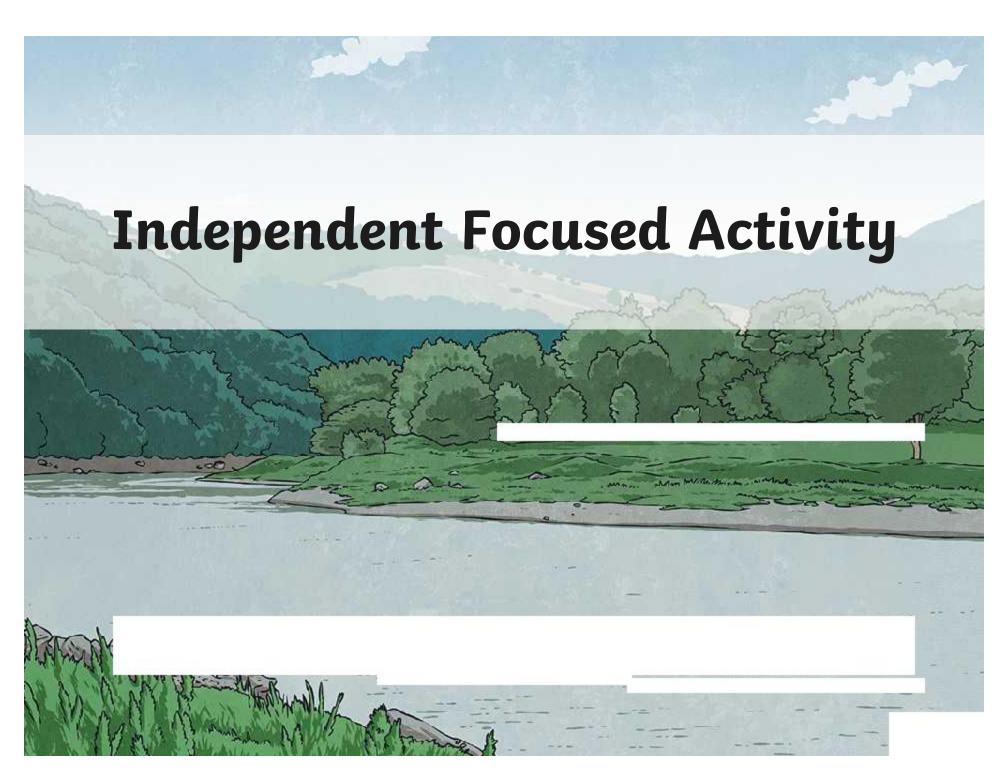
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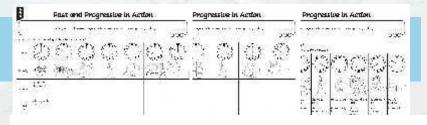
Past and Progressive Tense in Action



1. First, choose past progressive sentences to describe the picture.

Remember: this is something that was happening.

E.g. 'She was brushing her teeth.'

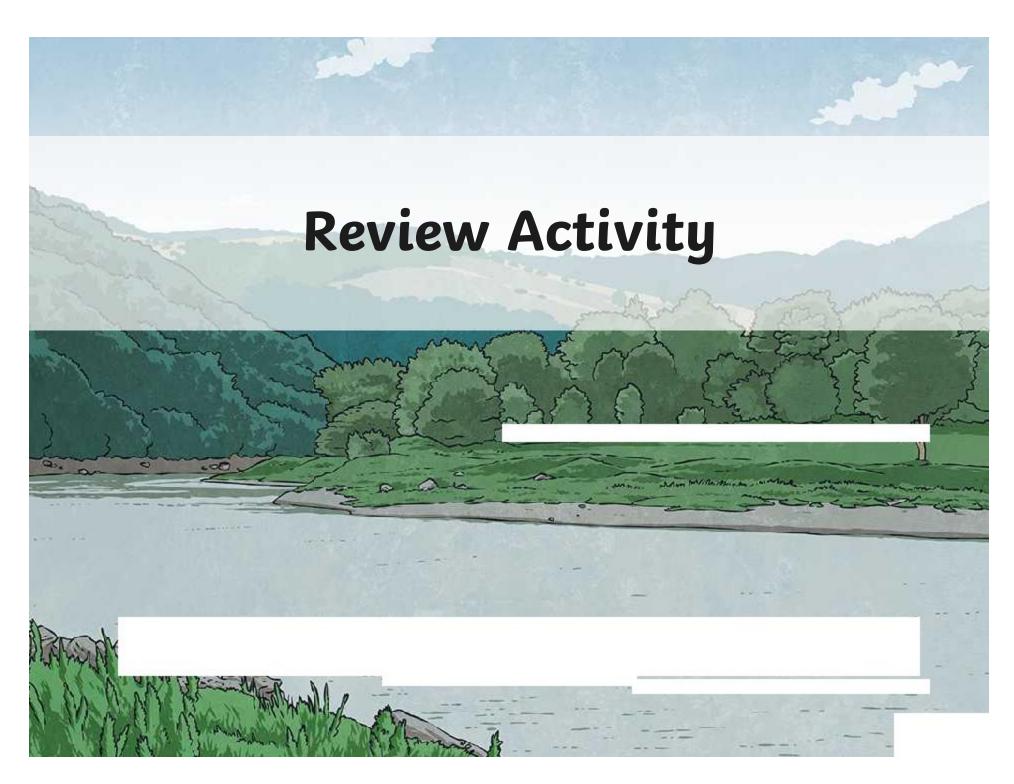


2. Then, choose present progressive sentences to describe the picture.

Remember: this is something that is happening.



E.g. 'She is brushing her teeth.'



Progressive Performances



Past Progressive

Watch the performer(s) from the class perform an act or an action and wait until they sit down again.

Answer the question below on your whiteboards after they have finished performing.

What were they doing?

E.g. She was drawing a picture.

Progressive Performances



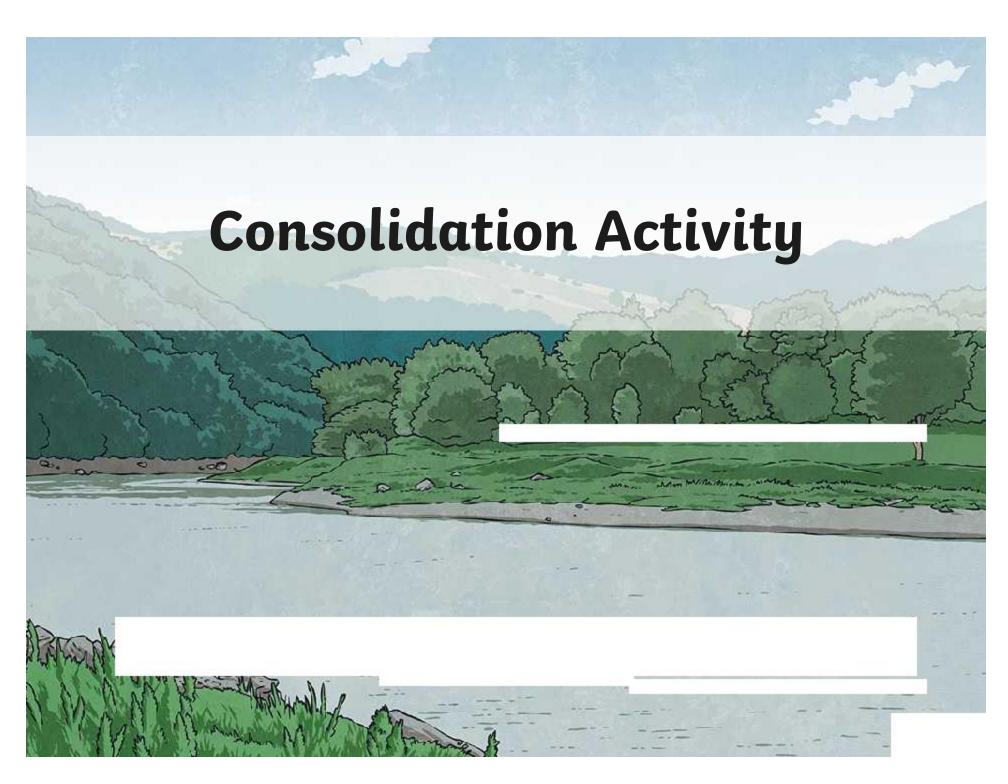
Present Progressive

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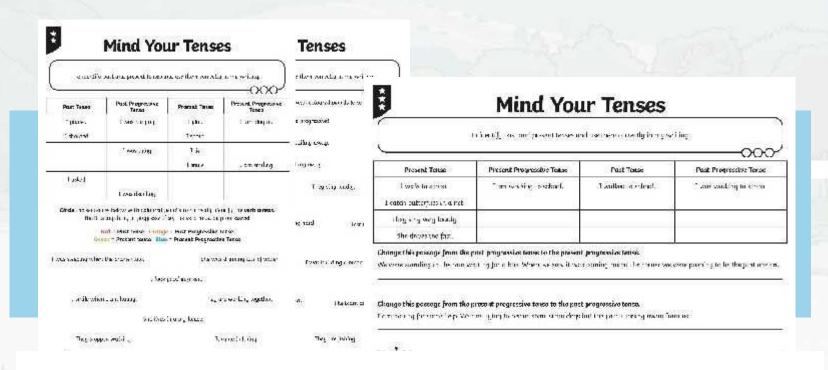
E.g. They are running across the street.

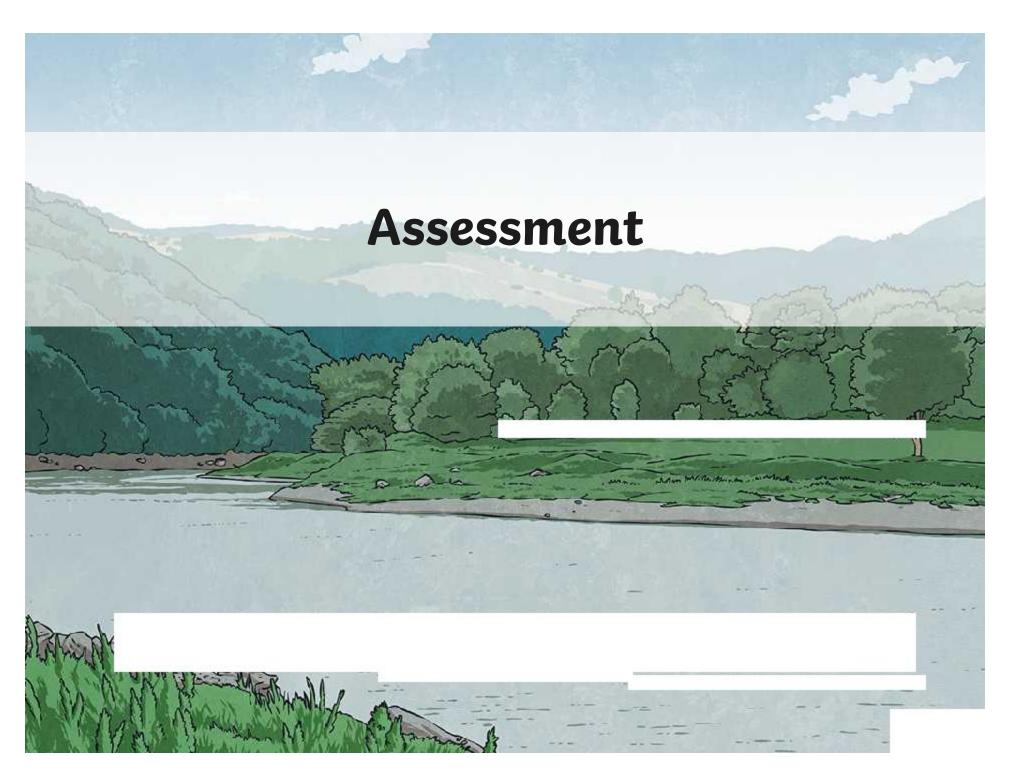


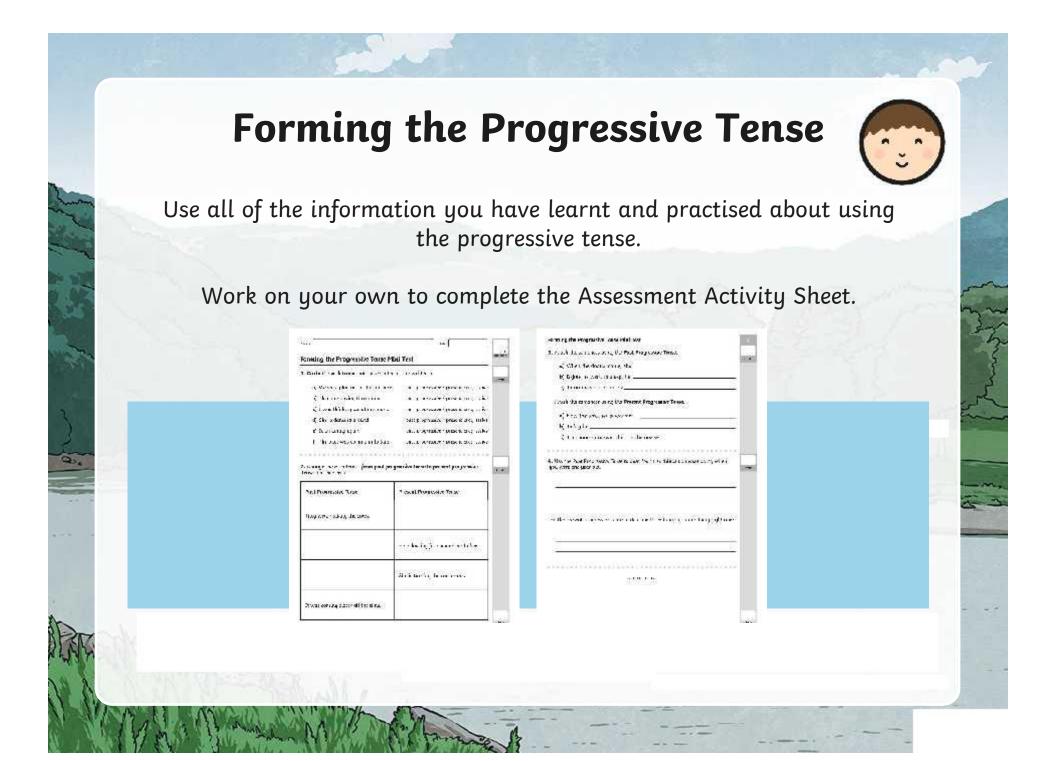




Can you work out which sentences are present, past, present progressive, or past progressive? Fill in your activity sheet.





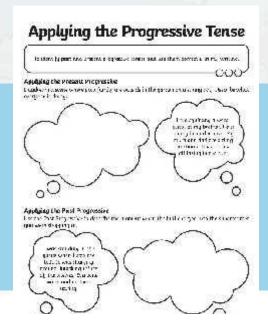


Forming the Progressive Tense



Use all of the information you have learnt and practised about forming the progressive tense.

Work on your own to complete the Application Activity Sheet.



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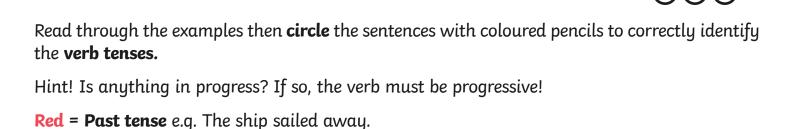
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Green = Present tense e.g. The ship sails away.

Blue = Present Progressive Tense e.g. The ship is sailing away.

Orange = Past Progressive Tense e.g. The ship was sailing away.

I was playing cards. They sing loudly.

I like football. I am working hard. I lost my wallet.

She was writing a letter. I was building a model.

I think it is good.

I fell over.

The team are winning.

I walk quickly. They are fishing.



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Past Tense	Past Progressive Tense	Present Tense	Present Progressive Tense	
I played	I was playing	I play	I am playing	
I shouted		I shout		
	I was lying	I lie		
		I smile	I am smiling	
I asked				
	I was deciding			

Circle the sentences below with coloured pencils to correctly identify the **verb tenses**. Hint! Is anything in progress? If so, the verb must be progressive!

Red = Past tense Orange = Past Progressive Tense

Green = Present tense Blue = Present Progressive Tense

I was sleeping when the phone rang.

She was drinking lots of water.

I look good in green.

I smile when I am happy.

They are working together.

She lives in a big house.

They stopped walking.

It rained all day.



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I walk to school.	I am walking to school.	I walked to school.	I was walking to school
I catch butterflies in a net.			
They sing very loudly.			
She drives too fast.			

Change this passage from the past progressive tense to the present progressive tense.

We were standing in the rain waiting for a bus. When we saw it was coming round the corner we were pushing to be the first one on.

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I am hoping for some help. We are trying to rescue some stray dogs but they are running away from us.



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She drives too fast.	She is driving too fast.	She drove too fast.	She was driving too fast.

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Past and Progressive in Action

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Past Progressive

What was this person doing at these times yesterday?

Circle the sentence which uses the past progressive to describe the picture.

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He was eating breakfast.	They were playing outside.	He ate his lunch.	They were learning.	She walked home.	He ate his tea.	He listened to a story.	She brushed her teeth.	He was sleeping.
He ate breakfast.	They played outside.	He was eating his lunch.	It was lesson time.	She was walking home.	He was eating his tea.	He was listening to a story.	She was brushing her teeth.	He was asleep.



Present Progressive

Choose the words which will complete these sentences in the present progressive tense.

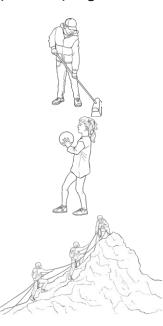
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5. He _____ a milkshake.



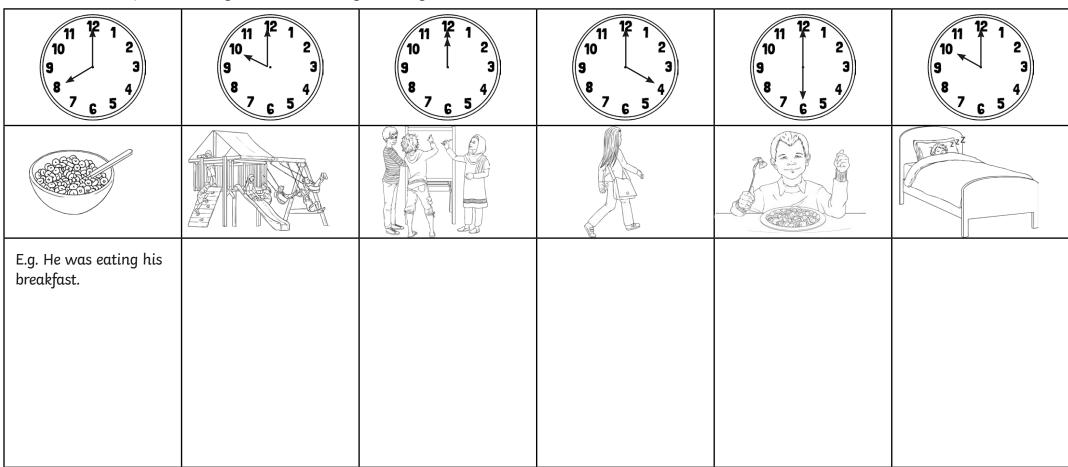




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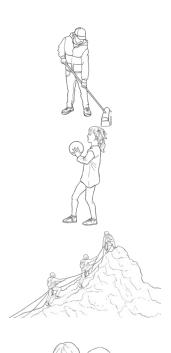
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What is happening in these pictures now?



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2. _____

3. _____

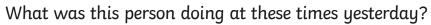
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Activity							ZZZZ
Sentence	E.g. She was eating breakfast						
Extra Detail	by herself at the table.						

Describe what is happening **now** in the two pictures and join the two parts together using one of these conjunctions: while, and, but.



1. E.g. He is sweeping the floor and she is brushing her hair.





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Choose the words which will complete these sentences in the present progressive tense.

- 1. He <u>is</u> <u>sweeping</u> the floor.
- 2. She is **throwing** the ball.
- 3. They <u>are climbing</u> up the mountain.
- 4. They <u>are reading</u> a book.
- 5. He <u>is</u> <u>drinking</u> a milkshake.

Forming the Progressive Tense



Suggested possible answers.

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They were playing	They were learning	She was walking home	He was eating his dinner	They were watching	He was sleeping
on the climbing frame.	during their science lesson.	quickly because it was raining.	with his family at the table.	their favourite TV show.	and snoring loudly.

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Describe what is happening now in the two pictures and join the two parts together using one of these conjunctions: while, and, but.

- 2. She is watering a plant while he is painting a picture.
- 3. He is playing his guitar while they are watching television.
- 4. He is walking his dog while they are baking a cake.
- 5. He is eating an ice cream while she is playing soccer.

Actors' Action Cards

Cut these cards out and shuffle them for use by the children performing the actions in the Review Activity.

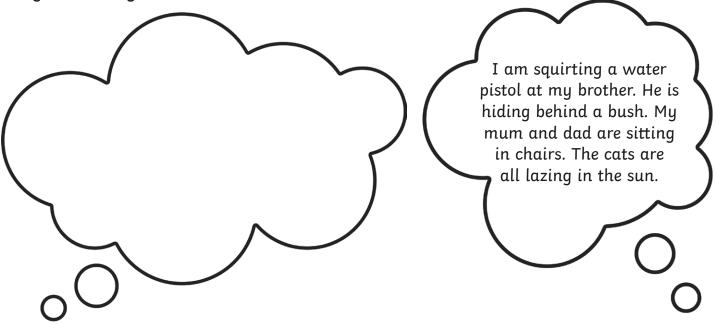
pull a funny face	do 5 star jumps	jump up and down
stand perfectly still	do a silly walk	hide under a table
tell a really short story	bark like a dog	wave at someone
shake hands with people	talk really quickly	clap and cheer

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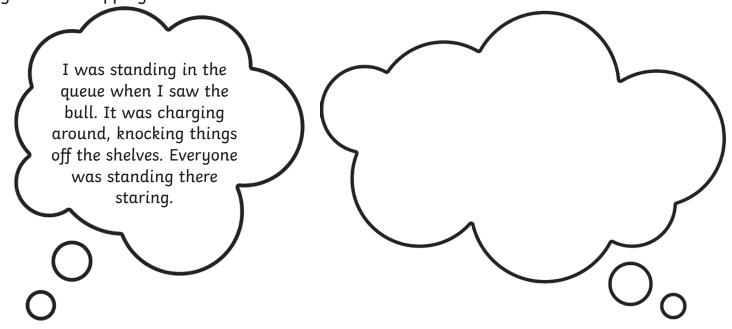
Applying the Present Progressive

Daydream a scene where your family are outside in the garden on a sunny day. Describe what everyone is doing.



Applying the Past Progressive

Use the Past Progressive to describe the moment when the bull charged into the supermarket you were shopping in.



Using Past and Progressive Tenses

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The past tense describes a single completed action.
e.g. we played football.
They ran across the road.
He found money.



The Present Tense

The present tense is used to share facts or describe something that is true at this point in time.

- **point in time.** e.g. I like cheese.
 - I have blue eyes.
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The present progressive tense is used to describe an action that is currently in progress.

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a) We were playing by the car park.	past progressive / present progressive	6 marks
b) They are having their dinner.	past progressive / present progressive	
c) I was thinking about my mum.	past progressive / present progressive	
d) She is dancing around.	past progressive / present progressive	
e) It is raining again.	past progressive / present progressive	
f) The pilot was coming in to land.	past progressive / present progressive	
2. Change these sentences from past prog tense and vice versa.	gressive tense to present progressive	4 marks
Past Progressive Tense	Present Progressive Tense	
They were milking the cows.		
	He is looking for somewhere to live.	
	She is turning the car around.	
It was coming closer all the time.		
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Forming the Progressive Tense Mini Test	2
3. Finish the sentences using the Past Progressive Tense.	6 marks
a) When the doctor came, she	O IIIdIKS
b) Before he went to sleep, he	
c) To impress his mum, he	
Finish the sentences using the Present Progressive Tense .	
a) Now the weather is warmer, I	
b) Today he	
c) That mountain over there is the one we	
4. Use the Past Progressive Tense to describe three things you were doing when you were one year old.	6 marks
Use the Present Progressive Tense to describe three things you are doing right now.	
END OF TEST	

Circle the verb tense that these sentences are written in.

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2 Underline the nouns in the sentence below:

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past progressive/present progressive

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- c) To impress his mum, he was learning a new magic trick.

Finish the sentences using the present progressive tense

- a) Now the weather is warmer, I am planning to walk more.
- b) Today he is going to go home.
- c) That mountain over there is the one we are climbing today.

4 One mark given for each sentence.

6 marks

Use the past progressive tense to describe three things you were doing when you were one year old.

e.g. I was sleeping in my cot / I was eating mushy food / I was crying quite a lot.

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e.g. I am doing this test / I am writing the answers / I am waiting for lunch.

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