



Mini Lesson 018 - The Present Continuous for Ongoing Actions

Explanation:

The present continuous tense is used to describe actions that are happening right now or ongoing. It is formed with the verb "to be" (am/is/are) + the verb ending in -ing.

Uses of Present Continuous:

1. Actions Happening at the Moment of Speaking:

- Example: "She is reading a book right now."

2. Temporary Actions or Situations:

- Example: "They are staying at a hotel for a week."

3. Future Plans or Arrangements:

- Example: "I am meeting my friend tomorrow."

4. Changing or Developing Situations:

- Example: "The weather is getting warmer."





Exercises:

1. Fill in the blanks with the present continuous form of the verbs in parentheses:

1. She _____ (eat) dinner at the moment.
2. They _____ (study) for their exams this week.
3. I _____ (plan) a trip for next month.
4. The kids _____ (play) in the park right now.
5. He _____ (watch) a movie at the moment.

2. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences:

1. I _____ (am/are) going to the gym every day this week.
2. She _____ (is/are) not listening to the teacher right now.
3. They _____ (is/are) preparing for their presentation at the moment.
4. We _____ (am/are) cooking dinner together tonight.
5. He _____ (is/are) reading a new book these days.

3. Rewrite the sentences in the present continuous tense:

1. She works at the office now. → She _____ (work) at the office now.
2. They travel to Paris next week. → They _____ (travel) to Paris next week.
3. I read a novel at the moment. → I _____ (read) a novel at the moment.
4. He fixes his car today. → He _____ (fix) his car today.
5. The baby sleeps during the day. → The baby _____ (sleep) during the day.





4. True or False:

1. The present continuous tense can be used for actions happening right now.
(True/False)
2. We use the present continuous to describe permanent situations. (True/False)
3. The sentence "She is learning French this semester" uses the present continuous tense. (True/False)
4. "I am cooking dinner tomorrow" is a correct use of the present continuous.
(True/False)
5. The present continuous tense is formed with "to be" + verb in -ed form.
(True/False)

Answers:

1. Fill in the blanks:

1. She **is eating** dinner at the moment.
2. They **are studying** for their exams this week.
3. I **am planning** a trip for next month.
4. The kids **are playing** in the park right now.
5. He **is watching** a movie at the moment.

2. Choose the correct option:

1. I **am** going to the gym every day this week.
2. She **is** not listening to the teacher right now.
3. They **are** preparing for their presentation at the moment.
4. We **are** cooking dinner together tonight.
5. He **is** reading a new book these days.





3. Rewrite the sentences:

1. She **is working** at the office now.
2. They **are traveling** to Paris next week.
3. I **am reading** a novel at the moment.
4. He **is fixing** his car today.
5. The baby **is sleeping** during the day.

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(True)
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4. "I am cooking dinner tomorrow" is a correct use of the present continuous.
(False)
5. The present continuous tense is formed with "to be" + verb in -ed form. (False)

