

Present Progressive Tense

How do we use this tense?

The Present Progressive is a form of the verb that shows the action is in progress in the present.

Here are the different usages of this tense:

- Actions that are happening now
- Actions that are currently in progress. (**Not** at this exact moment, but in the present. For example: these days, this month, this year)
- Planned future actions.
- Annoying repeating actions.

❖ Actions that are happening now

(The verbs are in **bold**)

- 1- The boy **is running**.
- 2- The phone **is ringing**.
- 3-

❖ Actions which are currently in progress

(Not at this exact second, but in the present.
For example: these days, this month, this year)

- 1- This month they **are practicing** for a contest.
- 2- He **is working** in an office. "right now"
- 3- He **is studying** a lot these days.

❖ Planned future actions

- 1- Tomorrow he **is returning** home.
- 2- She **is meeting** her friends tonight.
- 3- He **is starting** a new job in the morning.

❖ Annoying repeating actions "always"

- 1- She **is always making** a mess!
- 2- He **is always causing** trouble.

Always, come in the middle between the subject and the verb.
"Subject + always + verb"

Examples of Typical Time Expressions

Now	The present time period	Near future	Annoying repeating actions
now	these days	this afternoon	always
right now	today	tonight	constantly
this moment	this week	next week	
	this month	on Sunday	
	this year	after dinner	

	currently	tomorrow	
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Present Progressive Rules

Positive Sentences

Who?	Form of verb	Examples
I	am + verb + ing	I am reading now.
He/She/It	is + verb + ing	He is reading now. She is reading now. It is reading now.
You	are + verb + ing	You are reading now.
We	are + verb + ing	We are reading now.
They	are + verb + ing	They are reading now.

Negative Sentences

Who?	Form of verb	Examples
I	am + not + verb + ing	I am not reading now. I'm not reading now.
He/She/It	is + not + verb + ing	He is not reading now. He isn't reading now. He's not reading now. She is not reading now. She isn't reading now. She's not reading now. It is not reading now. It isn't reading now. It's not reading now.
You	are + not + verb + ing	You are not reading now. You aren't reading now. You're not reading now.
We	are + not + verb + ing	We are not reading now. We aren't reading now. We're not reading now.
They	are + not + verb + ing	They are not reading now. They aren't reading now. They're not reading now.

Question Sentences

	Who?	Form of verb	Examples
Am	I	verb + ing	Am I reading now?

Is	he/she/it	verb + ing	Is he reading now? Is she reading now? Is it reading now?
Are	you	verb + ing	Are you reading now?
Are	we	verb + ing	Are we reading now?
Are	they	verb + ing	Are they reading now?



Who are they? Where are they? What are they doing?

Now Janet is in her house. She is sitting on a wooden chair. She is holding a coat. She is fixing it.

James is Janet's husband. He is sitting in front of her. He is fixing clothes too.

Elizabeth is sitting next to James. She is Janet's sister. Right now she is helping Janet and James. They are working together. They are fixing clothes.

At this moment a man is coming in. He is wearing dark clothes. He is carrying a pile of clothes. They are all working very hard.

Who are they? Where are they? What are they doing?



Right now, it is Monday morning. Mike and Tina are at home. They are sitting at a table. They are eating breakfast.

At this moment, Tina is drinking coffee. She is eating a pastry. She is sitting across the table from Mike. She is talking to Mike.

Mike is Tina's husband. He is sitting at the table with Tina. He is also drinking coffee. Mike is listening to Tina. After breakfast, Mike and Tina are leaving for work. They work in the city. They are riding the bus to work.

Who are they? Where are they? What are they doing?



Now the children are at school. Amy is sewing. She is practicing. She is sitting on a bench. She is sitting near Timmy.

Timmy is at school too. Timmy is studying. He is sitting behind his desk. He wishes he could play with the other children.

John and Susan are also at school. They are playing outside. They are picking

flowers for their teacher. John is carrying his hat. Susan is wearing a bonnet.

At this moment, Sarah is walking by the door. She is helping the teacher. She is carrying textbooks to the shelf.

Past Progressive Tense

How do we Use this Tense?

Past Progressive is a form of the verb that shows the action was in progress at a certain point, or at some time period in the past.

For example:

- Yesterday at 7 o'clock Judi **was washing** the dishes.
- Judi **was washing** the dishes the entire evening.

Past Progressive is often used together with Simple Past.

For example:

- While Judi **was washing** the dishes the phone **rang**

Here are the different usages of this tense:

❖ Actions that were in progress at a certain point or at a certain time period in the past

- 1- He **was flying** all day.
- 2- Yesterday morning the kids **were playing**.
- 3- He **was working** at 10 o'clock this morning.
- 4- He **was walking** when he **stumbled** and **fell**.
- 5- While they **were sleeping**, he **got** into trouble.

❖ Annoying repeating actions in the past

- 1- He **was** always **resting**.
- 2- She **was** always **leaving** me with all the paperwork.

Examples of Typical Time Expressions

- While
- As
- During
- All afternoon
- All night

Past Progressive Rules

Positive Sentences

Who?	Form of verb	Examples
I	was + verb + ing	I was studying the whole afternoon.

He/She/It	was + verb + ing	He was studying the whole afternoon. She was studying the whole afternoon. It was studying the whole afternoon.
You	were + verb + ing	You were studying the whole afternoon.
We	were + verb + ing	We were studying the whole afternoon.
They	were + verb + ing	They were studying the whole afternoon.

Negative Sentences

Who?	Form of verb	Examples
I	was + not + verb + ing wasn't + verb + ing	I was not studying the whole afternoon. I wasn't studying the whole afternoon.
He/ She/ It	was + not + verb + ing wasn't + verb + ing	He was not studying the whole afternoon. He wasn't studying the whole afternoon. She was not studying the whole afternoon. She wasn't studying the whole afternoon. It was not studying the whole afternoon. It wasn't studying the whole afternoon.
You	were + not + verb + ing weren't + verb + ing	You were not studying the whole afternoon. You weren't studying the whole afternoon.
We	were + not + verb + ing weren't + verb + ing	We were not studying the whole afternoon. We weren't studying the whole afternoon.
They	were + not + verb + ing weren't + verb + ing	They were not studying the whole afternoon. They weren't studying the whole afternoon.

Question Sentences

	Who?	Form of verb	Examples
Was	I	verb + ing	Was I studying the whole afternoon?
Was	he/she/it	verb + ing	Was he studying the whole afternoon? Was she studying the whole afternoon? Was it studying the whole afternoon?
Were	you	verb + ing	Were you studying the whole afternoon?
Were	we	verb + ing	Were we studying the whole afternoon?
Were	they	verb + ing	Were they studying the whole afternoon?



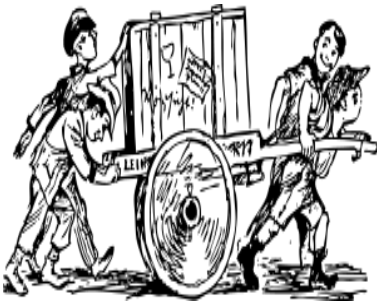
Who was she? Where was she? What was happening?

Yesterday, it was raining and thundering all day. Ann was playing inside the house. She wanted to be outside. She wasn't playing outside because it was raining. She was feeling tired of being trapped inside the house.

Ann was trying to keep busy inside the house. She was reading her book until the electricity went out. Then, she decided to practice her sewing. She was practicing sewing until lunchtime. After lunch, she sat by the window and watched the rain.

While Ann was watching the rain, the phone rang. Her mother was calling to say she was

coming home. She was bringing a new game. Ann and her mother ate ice cream and played the game. While they were playing, the rain stopped! But Ann didn't even notice. She was having such a good time with her mom!



Who were they? What were they doing? What was happening?

One sunny day, Billy and Timmy were delivering a box to Mr. Thompson. The crate was full of glasses. They were carrying the box on a cart. They were taking the glasses to Mr. Thompson's store at the end of the street. They were being very careful with the crate full of glasses.

As they were passing by the school, they saw Jack and Tom. Jack and Tom were playing soccer. Billy and Timmy asked the other boys for help. The four boys steered the cart through the streets. While Billy and Timmy were pulling from the front, Jack and Tom were pushing from behind.

As they were walking, Billy and Timmy were guiding the cart over bumps and holes. They were protecting the glasses. When the four boys arrived at the store, Mr. Thompson was waiting for them. While Mr. Thompson was unloading the glasses, he thanked the boys for their hard work. None of the glasses were broken! The boys were feeling very proud of their hard work.



What was he doing? What was happening?

Last night at 7 o'clock, Nate was taking pictures of birds. He was walking through the city park when he saw a fire. An old, empty building near the park was on fire. Nate pulled out his camera.

He was taking pictures of the fire when the fire trucks pulled up. The firefighters jumped out. They hooked up their hoses. While they were fighting the fire, Nate was taking more pictures.

The firefighters were fighting the fire and Nate was taking pictures when the rain started. The rain helped put the fire out. The firefighters were clapping and Nate was cheering. The fire was finally out.

Future Progressive Tense

How do we Use this Tense?

The Future Progressive is a form of the verb that shows the action will be in progress at a certain point, or at some time period, in the future.

For example:

- Tomorrow at 8 o'clock James **will be cleaning** the house.
- James **will be cleaning** the house all morning.

The Future Progressive is often used together with the Simple Present.

For example:

James **will be cleaning** the house when I **arrive**.

Here are the different usages of this tense:

- ❖ **Actions that will be in progress at a certain point
Or at a certain time period in the future.**

- 1- She **will be singing** all night.
- 2- We **will be doing** business next year.
- 3- He **will be driving** for a while.
- 4- An hour from now he **will be lying** in a hospital.
- 5- He **will be shouting** until he gets tired
- 6- When he comes, she **will be waiting**.

Examples of Typical Time Expressions

- Tomorrow
- At 5 o'clock
- Next month
- All afternoon
- All night

Future Progressive Rules

Positive Sentences

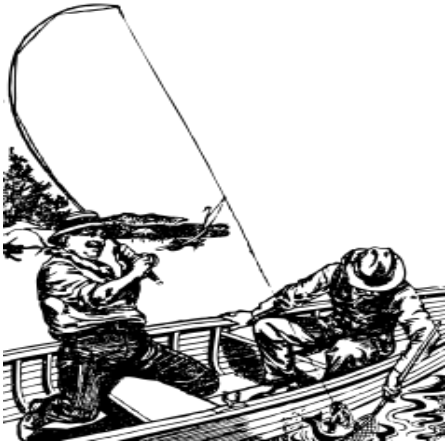
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You		You will be cleaning the house.
We		We will be cleaning the house.
They		They will be cleaning the house.

Negative Sentences

Who?	Form of verb	Examples
I	will + not + be + verb + ing won't + be + verb + ing	I will not be cleaning the house. I won't be cleaning the house.
He/ She/ It		He will not be cleaning the house. He won't be cleaning the house. She will not be cleaning the house. She won't be cleaning the house. It will not be cleaning the house. It won't be cleaning the house.
You		You will not be cleaning the house. You won't be cleaning the house.
We		We will not be cleaning the house. We won't be cleaning the house.
They		They will not be cleaning the house. They won't be cleaning the house.

Question Sentences

	Who?	Form of verb	Examples
Will	I	be + verb + ing	Will I be cleaning the house?
	he/she/it		Will he be cleaning the house? Will she be cleaning the house? Will it be cleaning the house?
	you		Will you be cleaning the house?
	we		Will we be cleaning the house?
	they		Will they be cleaning the house?



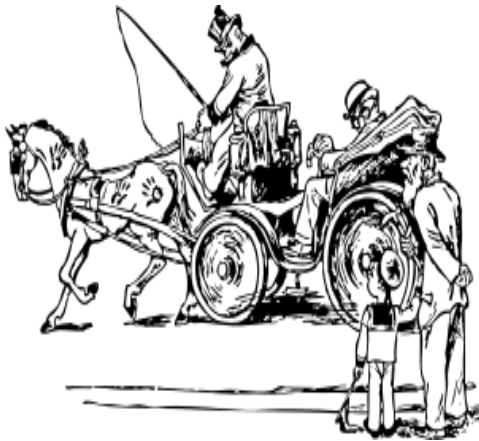
Who are they? What will they be doing? What will be happening?

Brad likes to fish. He fishes whenever he can. This weekend, he will be fishing at the lake. It is his favorite place to fish.

Mark is Brad's friend. Mark likes to fish too. He also fishes whenever he can. This weekend he will be fishing at the lake with Brad. They will be camping at the lake all weekend.

Mark will be picking Brad up at 8 o'clock Friday night. Brad will be ready when Mark arrives. They will be driving all night before they get to the lake.

They are excited about the weekend. Brad and Mark both love to fish. They love to fish together. They will be fishing together for many years!



Who are they? What are they going to be doing? What will be happening?

Today, there is going to be a parade. At the beginning of the parade, the mayor is going to be driving by in his carriage. The horse will be pulling the carriage and the mayor will be waving to the crowd. The crowd will be waving when the mayor passes by.

Timothy and his grandfather will be standing in front of the store when the mayor passes them. Timothy and his grandfather are going to be watching and waving. Everyone is going to be having a good time at the parade.



Who are they? What are they going to be doing? What will be happening?

Sir Thomas is going to be arriving at 3 o'clock today. When Sir Thomas arrives, the servants will be waiting. Young Charlie will also be waiting at the door.

When Sir Thomas walks into the house, most of the servants are going to be bowing. One servant will be parking the car. Others are going to be preparing dinner. Charlie is going to be carrying Sir Thomas's suitcase into the house.

