

English Worksheet
Class IV

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Topic: Present Continuous and Past Continuous Tense

Any action that continues for some time is said to be continuous .The action may be in the present or in the past.

Examples:

- The sun is rising.
- It was raining when we were playing cricket.

Continuous forms end with -ing

Present continuous tense:

Present continuous (progressive) is used to talk about action in progress- actions which are not yet complete. This tense is used to refer to an action that has begun but not ended at the time of speaking.

Rule: We use is/am/are +verb+ -ing, i.e. is, am, are + present participle.

We use present continuous tense:

- To describe an action that is going on at the time of speaking.
e. g I am writing a letter to my brother.
- To describe an action that is in progress but not going on at the time of speaking.
e. g These days I am learning to swim.
- To express an action that is expected to take place in the near future.
e. g The principal is coming for inspection on Monday.

Verb forms in the present continuous tense

- We generally add **-ing** to most verbs. e. g
 - **I am learning to play guitar.**
- For some verbs that end in **-e**, we drop the **-e** and add **-ing**. e. g

- ***She is dancing well.***
- In some verbs, we have to double the last letter and add **-ing**. e. g.
 - ***We are jogging in the park.***
- In some verbs ending in **-ie**, we change the **-ie** to **-y** and add **-ing** .e. g.
 - ***He is lying to his mother.(verb- lie)***

Past continuous tense

Is used to talk about something which was in progress/going on at some point of time in the past.

Rule: We use was /were +verb + -ing, i.e. was /were + present participle form of verb.

e. g. Radha was cooking food.

This tense is also used:

- To describe two or more actions going on at the same time.
e. g. *I was sleeping while my brother was studying.*
- To express a continuing action at some point in past when another event took place.
e. g. *We were playing outside when the ball rang.*

Practice Exercise

Q1. Complete these sentences using present continuous tense of the verbs given after the blanks.

- a. We _____ (study) hard because the final examination is near.
- b. The doctors _____ (do) their best to save the patient's life.
- c. The principal _____ (look) into student's problems.
- d. A cold wind _____ (blow) and we _____ (shiver).
- e. Some people _____ (light) a bonfire.
- f. Others _____ (warm) their hands on the fire.

Q2. Change these sentences from the present continuous into past continuous. Begin with the words such as *yesterday, last evening, last year, etc.*

- a. The farmer is ploughing his field.

- b. He is driving to work.

- c. I am reading a ghost story.

- d. He is selling fruits and vegetables.

- e. They are practicing for the final match.

- f. We are listening to our favourite songs.

Q3. In the following sentences, correct the errors in the tenses and rewrite in appropriate present and past tense.

a. Don't make noise, we watch a movie.

b. I am prepare food when the light went off.

c. We go to the museum this year.

d. The car race start on the 15th of next month.

e. The helper washes the car when the tyre burst.

f. These days Sunil directed a new play.
