

# Progressive Verb Tenses

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## Quick Review

Progressive (or '-ing') verbs show an action that is going on. Past: 'was/were walking'. Present: 'am/is/are walking'. Future: 'will be walking'.

## PRACTICE

Choose the verb form that matches the time clue.

- Right now, my brother \_\_\_\_ a tower out of blocks.
  - is building
  - builds
  - was building
  - has built
- Yesterday at noon, we \_\_\_\_ lunch in the cafeteria.
  - ate
  - are eating
  - were eating
  - will be eating
- This time tomorrow, the team \_\_\_\_ in the gym.
  - practices
  - practiced
  - is practicing
  - will be practicing
- Listen! Someone \_\_\_\_ at the door.
  - knocked
  - is knocking
  - knocks
  - will knock
- While the rain fell, the children \_\_\_\_ board games inside.
  - were playing
  - are playing
  - play
  - will be playing



6. Fill in the blank with the present progressive form of 'read': Maya \_\_\_\_\_ her favorite book again.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Which sentence uses the past progressive tense correctly?

- A. I am walking to school yesterday.
- B. I was walking to school when it started to rain.
- C. I have been walking to school last week.
- D. I will be walking to school last Tuesday.

8. True or False: 'She will be singing in the concert next Friday' is in the future progressive tense.

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9. Choose the sentence in present progressive tense.

- A. The puppy chased its tail.
- B. The puppy chases its tail every day.
- C. The puppy has chased its tail.
- D. The puppy is chasing its tail.

10. Write one sentence about something you will be doing this weekend using the future progressive tense.

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## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6
- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8  T  F
- 9  A  B  C  D
- 10

### Explanations

1. A	'Right now' demands present progressive — 'is building'. 'Builds' is simple present (a habit). 'Was building' is past. 'Has built' is present perfect (already finished), which contradicts 'right now'.
2. C	'Yesterday at noon' is a specific past time DURING which we were eating — past progressive ('were eating'). 'Ate' is simple past but doesn't stress the ongoing action; 'are eating' is present; 'will be eating' is future — both contradict 'yesterday'.
3. D	'This time tomorrow' = future progressive ('will be practicing'). 'Practices' is a present habit; 'practiced' is past; 'is practicing' is happening now — none match 'tomorrow'.
4. B	'Listen!' signals an action happening NOW — present progressive ('is knocking'). 'Knocked' = already finished; 'knocks' = a habit; 'will knock' = hasn't happened yet.
5. A	Two past actions happening at the same time: the rain FELL (past) and the children WERE PLAYING (past progressive). 'Are playing' is present; 'play' is a habit; 'will be playing' is future.
6. is reading	Present progressive with a singular subject = 'is' + verb-ing. Accept: 'is reading'. Common wrong answers: 'reads' (simple present), 'reading' (missing helping verb), 'are reading' (wrong agreement — Maya is singular), 'was reading' (past, not present).
7. B	Past progressive = 'was/were' + verb-ing, used for an action ongoing in the past. A mixes present with 'yesterday'; C mixes present perfect with a finished past time ('last week'); D mixes future with 'last Tuesday' — all are time-clue mismatches.
8. True	'Will be' + verb-ing = future progressive.
9. D	'Is chasing' = 'is' + verb-ing = present progressive. A is simple past; B is simple present (habit); C is present perfect (action completed).
10.	<b>Answer:</b> Example: I will be visiting my grandma on Sunday. Sentence must use 'will be' + verb-ing AND refer to a future time. Accept any clear example. Mark wrong: 'I will visit grandma' (simple future, not progressive); 'I am visiting grandma' (present progressive); 'I will be visit' (missing -ing); 'I will being visiting' (wrong form).



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