
BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

Tenses with Georgie

Present continuous



Language Quiz

Answer these questions with information from the webpage.

1. Which adverb is commonly used with the present continuous tense to indicate activities happening right now? e.g. I'm having breakfast.
 - a. Yesterday
 - b. Currently
 - c. Always
2. Choose the correct sentence using the present continuous tense for repeated actions.
 - a. The Sun is shining now.
 - b. His health is improving.
 - c. We are testing the computers for viruses regularly.
3. What is the correct question form for the sentence "You are walking"?
 - a. Are you walking?
 - b. Do you walking?
 - c. You walking?

Fill the gap

Complete the sentences by choosing the correct form of the verb in the present simple.

Example

My parents _____ (pick up) my sister from school.

Answer

The parents **are picking up** my sister from school.

1. She _____ (study) for her exams.
2. I _____ (not/watch) TV right now.
3. The kids _____ (swim) in the pool.
4. We _____ (not/attend) the meeting tomorrow.
5. He usually drives to work, but today he _____ (take) the bus.

Make a question

Convert these sentences into yes/no questions. There might be more than one correct answer.

Example

The bird is flying over the house.

Answer

Is the bird **flying** over the house?

1. We are studying English.
2. She is cooking dinner.
3. They are playing football in the park.
4. I am reading a book.
5. He is writing an email.

Writing

Now, write your own sentences using the present continuous.

1. What is happening around you right now? e.g. *The birds are singing.*

2. A temporary situation happening around now e.g. *My sister is working on a big project this summer.*

3. What are you doing this week? e.g. *I'm organising a party this week.*

ANSWERS

Language Quiz

1b, 2c, 3a

Fill the gap

1. is studying, 2. am/'m not watching, 3. are swimming, 4. aren't attending, 5. is taking

Make a question

1. Are you/we studying English? 2. Is she cooking dinner? 3. Are they playing football in the park? 4. Am I/are you reading a book? 5. Is he writing an email?