

Varied Fluency

Step 10: Past and Present Tense 2

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (2G4.2) [Learn how to use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support recognising and using past and present progressive tense. Single-clause sentences where there are no changes to the base verbs.

Expected Questions to support recognising and using past and present progressive tense. Multi-clause sentences using co-ordination where there are some changes to the base verbs.

Greater Depth Questions to support recognising and using past and present progressive tense. Multi-clause sentences using subordination with a shift in tense, where there are some changes to the base verbs.

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1a. Which sentence below is written in the past progressive tense?

- A. I was turning around.
- B. I am turning around.



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1b. Which sentence below is written in the present progressive tense?

- A. He is opening the door.
- B. He was opening the door.



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2a. Underline the full verb form in each progressive tense sentence below.

- The dog was barking.
- The cat is sleeping.



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2b. Underline the full verb form in each progressive tense sentence below.

- They were walking.
- They are eating.



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3a. Use the words from the word bank to complete the sentences below.

I ____ jumping.

They ____ pushing.

She ____ pulling.

am

was

were



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3b. Use the words from the word bank to complete the sentences below.

We ____ crawling.

Tim ____ resting.

They ____ helping.

is

are

were



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4a. Make the sentences present progressive using the given verb.

We _____.
(shout)

Leon _____.
(read)



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4b. Make the sentences past progressive using the given verb.

I _____.
(play)

They _____.
(listen)



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5a. Which sentence below is written in the past progressive tense?

A. Tom was baking a lemon cake and Joe was making a cup of tea.

B. Tom is baking a lemon cake and Joe is making a cup of tea.



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5b. Which sentence below is written in the present progressive tense?

A. I was skipping in the park and May was playing on the swings.

B. I am skipping in the park and May is playing on the swings.



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6a. Underline the full verb form in each progressive tense sentence below.

The parrot was sitting in his cage and he was singing a sweet tune.

The dog is nodding his head and he is licking his lips.



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6b. Underline the full verb form in each progressive tense sentence below.

He was speaking to his grandma and it was exciting to hear from him.

I am running to catch the bus but the bus is driving away.



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7a. Use the words from the word bank to complete the sentences below.

She _____ diving in the sea and her brother _____ looking for crabs.

was

are

were

I _____ chatting to my friends but they _____ ignoring me.



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7b. Use the words from the word bank to complete the sentences below.

He _____ planning to have party but his friends _____ studying.

was

are

were

I _____ dancing and you _____ skipping.



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8a. Make the sentences present progressive using the given base verb.

Jim _____ in the lake
swim
and his dog is paddling too.

The woman _____ her
cut
hair but she isn't looking in the mirror.



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8b. Make the sentences past progressive using the given base verb.

She _____ the floor and
mop
her mum was tidying the room.

I _____ for an audition
prepare
but I wasn't feeling brave.



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9a. Which sentence below uses the past progressive tense?

A. Lyn was beginning her journey when she was stopped by a mysterious man.

B. Although my mum is competing in a javelin competition tomorrow, she still had time to care for me this morning.



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9b. Which sentence below uses the present progressive tense?

A. I was chasing after my playful dog when I tripped over a branch.

B. I am writing a story about a beautiful girl who shared secrets with her best friend.



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10a. Underline the full verb forms in each sentence below.

She was deciding what to do next when she heard a loud noise upstairs.

I am separating the paper and plastic so that it is ready to be recycled.



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10b. Underline the full verb forms in each sentence below.

They were escaping from the palace that houses the crown jewels.

He is practising his lines because he sang them incorrectly at the last rehearsal.



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11a. Use an auxiliary (helper) verb to complete the sentences below.

He _____ describing the robber to the police because he witnessed the crime.

I _____ revising for my spelling test although I already know them.



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11b. Use an auxiliary (helper) verb to complete the sentences below.

They _____ bathing in the large lake when it started to rain.

She _____ caring for her mother because she is unwell.



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12a. Make the sentences present progressive using the given verb.

The man _____ because he saw a fierce beast in the woods.
shake

We _____ to the zoo tomorrow if the weather is pleasant.
travel



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12b. Make the sentences past progressive using the given verb.

I _____ about joining the Scouts, but I changed my mind.
think

She _____ heavily when she stepped onto the large stage.
breathe



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Developing

- 1a. A
2a. was barking, is sleeping
3a. I am/was jumping. They were pushing.
She was pulling.
4a. We are shouting.
Leon is reading.

Expected

- 5a. A
6a. was sitting, was singing
is nodding, is licking
7a. She was diving in the sea and her
brother was looking for crabs.
I was chatting to my friends but they were
ignoring me.
8a. Jim is swimming in the lake and his
dog is paddling too.
The woman is cutting her hair but she isn't
looking in the mirror.

Greater Depth

- 9a. A
10a. was deciding, heard
am separating, is, recycled
11a. He was / is describing the robber to
the police because he witnessed the
crime.
I am revising for my spelling test although I
already know them.
12a. The man is shaking because he saw
a fierce beast in the woods.
We are travelling to the zoo tomorrow if
the weather is pleasant.

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Developing

- 1b. A
2b. were walking, are eating
3b. We are/were crawling. Tim is resting.
They are/were helping.
4b. I was playing.
They were listening.

Expected

- 5b. B
6b. was speaking, was exciting
am running, is driving
7b. He was planning to have a party but
his friends were studying.
I was dancing and you were skipping.
8b. She was mopping the floor and her
mum was tidying the room.
I was preparing for an audition but I wasn't
feeling brave.

Greater Depth

- 9b. B
10b. were escaping, houses
is practising, sang
11b. They were bathing in the large lake
when it started to rain.
She is caring for her mother because she
is unwell.
12b. I was thinking about joining the
Scouts, but I changed my mind.
She was breathing heavily when she
stepped onto the large stage.