

3-6-2014 FUMC ESL High Intermediate Lesson

TEST YOURSELF-PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Complete the sentences with the present continuous form of the words in the box.

get	happen	look	lose	make	start	stay	try	work	rain
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- You _____ hard today. You must have a lot to do.
- It _____ dark. Shall I turn on the light?
- They don't have a house or apartment right now. They _____ with friends.
- Things are not going well at work. Our company _____ money.
- Have you got an umbrella? It _____ to rain.
- You _____ a lot of noise. Can you be quieter? I _____ to concentrate.
- Why are all these people running? What _____?
- I _____ my mind. I've lost my car keys again. That's the third time this week.
- Let's go out now. It _____ any more.
- I don't have room for the whole family at my house. My brothers _____ with friends.
- What are you doing? I _____ for my wallet. It was here just a minute ago.
- We didn't work at all last week, but we _____ today.

PAST CONTINUOUS AND PAST TENSE

It is possible to use the past continuous and past tense in the same sentence. The past continuous is usually used to talk about what was happening at the time something else happened. Read these examples:

- Mina was reading to the children while I bathed.
 Ben was washing the dishes as I talked.
 I finished my homework while they were watching the movie.

What is the difference between past continuous and past tense? Look at these two sentences.
 When I was learning to drive, I was living with my parents.
 When I learned to drive, I was living with my parents.
 The first sentence says the learning was in process.
 The second sentence says you finished the process. You "learned". You weren't still "learning".

Use the verb pairs to finish these sentences. Use past continuous and past tense.

- (drop/get) Erika _____ her bag while she _____ into the car.
- (shake/leave) She _____ with anger as she _____ the hotel.
- (get/go) Just as I _____ into the shower, the lights _____ off.
- (hope/give) Jeff _____ to go away this weekend, but his boss _____ a project to be finished by Monday.
- (live/spend) When I _____ in Paris, I _____ two hours a day commuting to and from work.
- (chat/arrive) A friendly couple _____ with the stranger as he _____ at the reception.
- (walk/enter) Two police officers _____ by just as she _____ the bank.
- (listen/clean) We _____ to music while we _____.

PREPOSITIONS

These sentences use an incorrect preposition. Correct them using prepositions from this list.

within	during	between	since	until	by
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- She has been gone before yesterday.

2. The movie was shown between August.
3. The sign was up from spring at fall.
4. We must finish the project until a year.
5. The trees are really beautiful within the spring.
6. My father always read his paper between breakfast.
7. Michael must leave within Friday.
8. No one was allowed to use their cell phone within the exam.
9. He said he would be here since 6, but he hasn't come yet.
10. We won't know our grades by the teacher grades all the papers.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

1. The baby's heart *beats/strikes* fast.
2. When the lights go out, *beat/strike* a match.
3. Can you *strike/whip* the eggs for me, please?
4. After the accident, my heart was still *pounding/striking*.
5. *Strike/Beat* while the iron is hot!
6. He *struck/whipped* the drum.
7. He *pounded/struck* the rock into small pieces.
8. If the job is too difficult, you can always *exit/resign*.
9. You should *quit/resign* smoking because it is harmful for your health.
10. Because of his injury, he *abandoned/depended* the attempt at a world record.
11. Jason *departed/abandoned* his wife.
12. Jason *departed/abandoned* from his family with great sadness.
13. After they *departed/abandoned*, we opened a bottle of scotch.
14. Don't *quit/resign* trying!
15. The birds *resign/abandon* their nests each spring.