

Work in a small group. Read the paragraph below twice. Then discuss the questions. Use OPD pg 109 to help with vocabulary.

1. Tim brushes his teeth every day. He brushes his teeth after every meal. He uses a whitening toothpaste. He wants his teeth to be clean and white. Tim also flosses. Tim's dentist told him to floss his teeth. He uses dental floss. Finally, Tim gargles with mouthwash. He uses a mint mouthwash so his breath smells fresh. Tim takes good care of his teeth.

Questions: Many Americans wear braces on their teeth. Braces are metal bands around the teeth. They help straighten crooked teeth. Do many people in your country wear braces? Did you wear braces? Would you like to wear braces?

2. Bob shaves every morning before work. He uses a razor. He puts a new razorblade in his razor every week. He uses lots of shaving cream. Then he puts on aftershave. His aftershave smells good. His wife likes Bob to smell good. If Bob is in a hurry, he uses an electric razor. He can shave quickly with an electric razor.

Tell what we know about Bob. Men, how often do you shave? Do you use a razor or an electric razor? Do you use aftershave? Does your wife or girlfriend like aftershave? Women, do you shave your legs often?

3. Sheila takes good care of her nails. She cuts her nails with a nail clipper. Then she uses an emery board to file her nails. She puts on nail polish. She puts polish on her fingernails and toenails. Sheila likes to wear bright colored polish.

Do you take care of your own nails, or do you have a manicure? A manicurist is someone who takes care of other's nails. Do you wear nail polish? What colors do you wear? Do you ever wear black nail polish? How many jars of nail polish do you have? Men, do you go to a manicurist to have your nails cut?

4. Rita likes to wear make up. She puts on makeup every morning. She starts with foundation. Then she adds blush to make her cheeks pink. She puts mascara and eyeliner on her eyes. She puts lipstick on her lips. She likes red lipstick. It looks good with her dark hair and skin. At the end of the day, she uses makeup remover to take off her make up.

Tell what we know about Rita. Do you wear makeup? How long does it take to put on makeup? Do you like red lipstick? How many tubes of lipstick do you have? Does your husband or boyfriend like you to wear makeup?

Grammar Quiz: Using Present and Present Continuous

1. See that man? I _____ him. He is my English teacher. (am recognizing or recognize)
2. We used to rent a house. But we got a loan. Now we _____ our house. (are owning or own)
3. This book is mine. That one _____ to Peter. (belongs or is belonging)
4. Shhh! The baby _____. (sleeps or is sleeping)
5. Sue _____ well, but sometimes she is a little bit rude. (means or is meaning)
6. My grades are terrible. I _____ three of my courses. (fail or am failing)
7. You are behind the tree. I _____ you. (see or am seeing)
8. Is my voice loud enough? Yes, I _____ you. (hear or am hearing)
9. My mother's hearing is getting worse. She _____ a doctor now. (sees or is seeing)
10. The leaves _____ off the trees every winter. (fall or are falling)

Using Past or Past Continuous

1. I _____ in class when the fire alarm went off. (sat or was sitting)
2. It _____ when I left home, so I decided to ride the bus. (rained or was raining)
3. I didn't hear the thunder last night because I _____. (slept or was sleeping)
4. Jim took me on a beautiful walk yesterday. The sun _____ and the birds _____ as we walked along the path. (shone or was shining) (chirped or were chirping)
5. After the alarm stopped, some students _____ to the building. (returned or were returning)
6. What was she doing while you bathed the baby? She _____ the dishes. (washed or was washing).

Grammar Tips:

Expressions of place (in her room, in bed, at school) can be used in the middle of a present or past continuous verb.

Examples: Kay was in her room studying. Jack was at school finishing his test.

He is in bed reading his book. They are in the kitchen preparing dinner.

You can also say Kay was studying in her room. Jack was finishing his test at school. He is reading his book in bed. They are preparing dinner in the kitchen.

Make sentences using present or past continuous with these phrases.

1. (in her room)
2. (at home)
3. (on the couch)
4. (in London)
5. (at the library)