

FUMC ESL 3-20-2017 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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1. You _____ hard today. You must have a lot to do.
2. It _____ dark. Shall I turn on the light?
3. They don't have a house or apartment right now. They _____ with friends.
4. Things are not going well at work. Our company _____ money.
5. Have you got an umbrella? It _____ to rain.
6. You _____ a lot of noise. Can you be quieter? I _____ to concentrate.
7. Why are all these people running? What _____?
8. I _____ my mind. I've lost my car keys again. That's the third time this week.
9. Let's go out now. It _____ any more.
10. I don't have room for the whole family at my house. My brothers _____ with friends.
11. What are you doing? I _____ for my wallet. It was here just a minute ago.
12. 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.

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

EX: (blow/pop) She was blowing up the balloon when it popped.

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

Answer these questions about yourself using past continuous tense.

What were you doing yesterday at 3 PM?

What were you doing while you ate breakfast this morning?

What were you doing when you found out about 9-11?

Prepositions With Gerunds: We have been working on gerunds and infinitives. Today, we will practice using the correct preposition before gerunds. Take this quiz and discuss the answers with your teacher.

1. I've never been good _____ playing tennis.
2. She complained _____ bullying.
3. They are afraid _____ losing the game.
4. Laura dreams _____ living on a small island.
5. I don't agree _____ punishing the children _____ not finishing their meal.
6. _____ getting up, I take my medicine.
7. I manage to get my work done _____ staying late every evening.
8. What was her reaction _____ hearing the bad news?
9. Patrick is excited _____ climbing the mountain.
10. She is famous _____ singing patriotic songs.
11. There is a small chance _____ catching the virus.
12. There is a choice _____ flying to London or Edinburgh.
13. Edgar is in danger _____ failing the course.
14. There is little hope _____ catching her now.
15. I like the idea _____ setting up separate bank accounts.

Discuss:

1. Talk about an opportunity you have been given to do something different.
2. Talk about your reasons for improving your English.
3. Talk about a problem you aren't sure how to solve.
4. In my life right now, there is a risk that _____.
5. What is your favorite way of meeting people?
6. What is something you got blamed for, but didn't do?
7. What is something you have to cope with?
8. What is something you dream of doing?