

The verb "give" has many uses. Read these conversations. Talk about the meaning of the verb "give" in the sentences. Answer the questions at the end.

Tina: The band **gave** a concert last night. They are very popular band. We had to **give** over \$50 for the tickets.

Sara: Did you enjoy the concert?

Tina: I would **give** their performance five out of ten. The band was very loud. Loud music **gives** me a headache. My husband **gave** me some earplugs, but they didn't help much. I asked my husband if we could leave early. He didn't want to leave. But he finally **gave in** and agreed we could go.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Tina and her husband go last night?
2. How much did Tina pay for the tickets?
3. What does Tina mean when she says, "I would give their performance five out of ten"?
4. How does Tina feel about loud music?
5. When Tina says her husband, "gave in", what does she mean?
6. In your own words, tell what happened to Tina at the concert.
7. Read this example and decide if "give in" and "give up" mean the same thing. EX: I played chess with my brother. He always won. I tried to beat him. But I **gave up**. I will never beat my brother in chess.
8. Do you go to hear live music often?
9. Does loud music bother you?
10. Would you leave a concert early if you paid \$50 for the ticket?

Tom: My brother **gave away** my secret. I bought my wife a diamond ring. I wanted to surprise her on our anniversary. But my brother told her about it. I was so mad. I **gave him a piece of my mind**.

Fay: Did you **give** a lot of money for the ring?

Tom: Yes, I **gave** \$1,000 for the ring. Now I am tempted to **give it back** to the guy I bought it from.

Fay: I think you should **give it some thought** before you return it. I'd **give anything** if my husband bought me a diamond ring. I'm sure your wife will love it. She won't mind that it is not a surprise.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Tom's brother do?
2. What does "give him a piece of my mind" mean?
3. What does tempt mean? EX: I am tempted to eat ice cream. But I shouldn't. It will make me gain weight.
4. Are you ever tempted to eat something or buy something you shouldn't?
5. What is Tom tempted to do with the ring?
6. What does Fay mean when she says Tom should "give it some thought"?
7. What would Fay give anything for?
8. What would you give anything for?

9. If your husband gave you an expensive diamond ring on your anniversary would you be glad or would you wish he had not spent so much money?
10. Does your husband give you expensive gifts?

Sara: I don't eat pork. It **goes against** my beliefs. Most of my neighbors eat pork. They ask us to come for dinner. I always say, "No, thank you." I am afraid they will serve pork. My husband says we should **go**. He says the neighbors will think we are not friendly. He says we should eat pork if they serve it. He says we should **go along with** everyone. But I have to **go by** what I was taught. I would prefer to **go without** dinner than to eat something forbidden.

Stella: You could **go** to the dinner and eat the other things they serve. Or you could tell them before you **go** that you don't eat pork. I'm sure they could prepare other foods that you can eat.

Sara: Maybe you're right. I'll **give it a go**.

1. Why doesn't Sara eat pork?
2. Why does Sara say "No" when the neighbors invite them to dinner?
3. How does Sara's husband feel about this?
4. What does Sara mean when she says she will "go by what I was taught"?
5. What would Sara prefer?
6. What advice does Stella give?
7. Is Sara going to try Stella's idea?

Grammar

Some verbs are rarely used in present continuous tense. For these verbs, we use the present tense. For example, we don't say, "I am seeing you." We say, "I see you." Choose the correct verb in these sentences.

1. That bicycle (belongs is belonging) to Kate.
2. The word "singular" (means is meaning) one.
3. I (care am caring) very much for you, Elizabeth.
4. I (see am seeing) you behind that tree.
5. I (believe am believing) her story.
6. We (know are knowing) many people in our neighborhood.
7. I (remember am remembering) her now that I see her.
8. I (feel am feeling) you are making a mistake.
9. That man (looks is looking) like he is very rich.
10. Oh, look. The chairman (notices is noticing) me.
11. He (prefers is preferring) to take a taxi instead of riding the bus.
12. I (want am wanting) some coffee right now.
13. I (recognize am recognizing) my teacher over there.
14. She (needs is needing) your opinion on which car to buy.
15. Yes, I (understand am understanding) the problem now.
16. Mmmm. That perfume (smells is smelling) good.