

## FUMC ESL 11-9-2020 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. When was the last time you were really surprised?

### Grammar Exercises with Present Continuous and Present Perfect Tense

Choose the present tense or present continuous tense verb.

1. It ( is raining / rains ) every day in August.
2. Uncle Joe ( is visiting / visits ) us now.
3. Our team always ( is winning / wins ) our soccer games.
4. Nick ( is watching / watches ) soccer on TV every Saturday.
5. Nick ( is watching / watches ) the soccer game on TV this Saturday.
6. I ( am thinking / think ) of you all the time.
7. Look, the child ( is falling / falls ) down on the ice.
8. Look at the sharks! They ( are swimming / swim ) near the shore.
9. I can't come with you right now because I ( am eating / eat ).

The verb tense in these sentences are incorrect. Change the verb to **present**, **present continuous** or **present perfect**. Teachers: Do not let them use present perfect continuous. Also note that some of these have two correct answers.

1. I see this movie before.
2. She is being a professor at the university for ten years.
3. They have lived in the U.S. now.
4. They are living in the U.S. for the last year.
5. I hope the rain is stopping by Saturday.
6. We wait for you for over an hour.
7. Chen's English is really improve.
8. I usually am waking up around 6 AM.
9. You aren't get enough sleep.
10. Have you already sell your car?
11. I am studying here for more than three years.
12. We are finding my lost necklace.
13. Recently I think about changing my career.
14. I often am thinking about changing my career.
15. Jeff is no longer work for the government.
16. She is working here for five years.
17. I am studying all day.
18. She goes to the library every day this week.
19. You are sleeping for twenty four hours. It's time to get up.
20. Jim and Sara go out for twelve years. It's time they get married.

Present perfect continuous (progressive) tense has three verbs ( has or have + been + ing verb). EX: Wanda has been living here for a year. I have been working in Austin for two years. They have been fishing at Lake Austin all day.

**Read these conversations and underline the verbs.**

**Stacy:** Have you watched any good movies lately?

**Sam:** I haven't been watching TV. I have been working really hard.

**Stacy:** I haven't been watching TV either. I have been reading a really good book. It is called The Beekeeper of Aleppo.

**Sam:** I have read that book. I really enjoyed reading it.

1. Why hasn't Sam watched much TV?
2. What has Stacy been doing?
3. In the last line, Sam says, "I really enjoyed reading it." The verb is "enjoyed". It is a past tense verb. "Reading" is not a verb in this sentence. It is a **gerund**. It is the **object** of the sentence. The subject is "I". The verb is "enjoyed". And "reading" is a noun telling what you enjoyed. Nouns like this that look like verbs are called gerunds. Gerunds can be the object of the sentence or the subject of the sentence. We will practice with some gerunds later in the lesson.

**Sara:** What has been happening in the U.S. lately?

**Lee:** Are you kidding! We have elected a new president.

**Sara:** Oh. I haven't been watching TV. I haven't been reading the newspaper. I have been very busy at work.

**Lee:** We have been hoping to elect a new president for four years. Finally, we have done it.

1. What has been happening in the U.S.?
2. Sara has been busy at work. What things has she not done?
3. How long has Lee been hoping to elect a new president?

**Using Gerunds: Tell whether the underlined word is a gerund or part of the verb.**

1. Water is dripping from the faucet.
2. I love shopping.
3. Getting up early is a good habit.
4. Tina is borrowing my book.
5. Playing tennis is fun.
6. Eating chocolates isn't good for you.
7. I make money babysitting children.
8. Are you going with us?
9. Borrowing is a bad habit.
10. I hate telling on the children, but they did a bad thing.

**Read the poem below. Read it a second time, one paragraph at a time. Summarize each paragraph in your own words.**

## HOME ALONE

My family's gone; there's no one home.  
It's only me who's home alone.  
I shouldn't hear a single squeak.  
There shouldn't even be a creak,

So what's that thumping that I hear?  
It must mean one thing: death is near.  
"You're an adult, you'll be just fine."  
I tell myself as I dial "nine"...

Was that a knock upon the door?  
My heart beats faster than before  
I know it's closed; I've checked the lock.  
At least my killer knows to knock?

I cannot sleep, though I'm in bed.  
I've made amends with God instead.  
If He decides that it's my time,  
Then this will be my very last rhyme.

I hear a bang and then a break.  
My head shoots up; there's no mistake!  
I turn my music volume high  
So I won't hear the way I die.

I run upstairs, desk lamp in hand.  
Over my head, ready to land,  
And right before it did just that..  
I remembered - I have a cat

### **Discuss:**

1. Do you think this poem is scary?
2. Talk about a time when you were home alone and got scared.
3. Do you spend a lot of time home alone?
4. Are you a person who likes to be alone?
5. What do you do when you are home alone?

**Read these short poems and discuss friends and friendship.**

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

You brought me sunshine when I only saw rain.  
You brought me laughter when I only felt pain.

**Discuss:**

Who brings you sunshine?  
How do you help a friend who is feeling pain?

FRIENDS

A friend is like a star that twinkles and glows,  
or maybe like the ocean that gently flows.  
A friend is like gold that you should treasure.  
And take care of forever and ever.

**Discuss:**

Tell us about your BEST friend.  
Do you live close to your best friend?  
What is your favorite thing to do with your best friend?