



# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

## Forming the Progressive Tense

# Aim

- To identify past and present progressive tenses and use them correctly in my writing.

## Success Criteria

- I can identify sentences that are written in the past progressive tense.
- I can change verbs to past progressive tense verbs.
- I can identify sentences that are written in the present progressive tense.
- I can change verbs to present progressive tense verbs.
- I can use the past and progressive form correctly and consistently in my writing.

# Past and Present Tenses



Tell your partner about some of the things you did yesterday...

You will be using the **past** tense to do this!



I ate pizza for  
tea.



# Past and Present Tenses



Tell your partner some facts about yourself...

You will be using the **present** tense to do this!



I like pizza

I have blue eyes.





# Past and Present Tenses



Which column do you think they go in?

The **past tense** is used to describe events which have already happened.

The **present tense** is used to describe something which is true now and is unlikely to change.

I grew a lot last year.

Manchester United won the FA cup.

I am tall.

Manchester United are the best team.

I watched a good film yesterday.

I like good films.

# Past and Present Tenses

## The Progressive Form



In this lesson we are going to learn about a slightly different form of the past and present tenses.

It is called the **Progressive form** and is used to describe **actions that are or were happening**.

Another way of saying this is that **they were (or are) in progress**.  
This is where we get the name Progressive from.



# Past and Present Tenses

## The Progressive Form



**Past Progressive Tense:** Describes something that was ‘in progress’ for a certain amount of time.

It is formed with the past tense of ‘to be’ and an **–ing** ending.

Past tense of ‘to be’	Add a verb ending in -ing
I was You were He/she/it was	fishing swimming sleeping
We were You were They were	crying choosing jumping



Can you write some examples on paper or in your book?



# Past and Present Tenses

## The Progressive Form



**Present Progressive Tense:** Describes something that is 'in progress' now. It is formed by adding a verb ending in **-ing** to the present tense of 'to be'.

Present tense of 'to be'	Add a verb ending in -ing
I am You are He/she/it is  We are You are They are	fishing swimming sleeping  crying choosing jumping



Can you write some examples?



# Independent Focused Activity

# Past and Progressive Tense in Action



1. First, choose past progressive sentences to describe the picture.

Remember: this is something that **was** happening.

E.g. 'She was brushing her teeth.'

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Past Progressive What was the person doing? Describe the picture using the past progressive.		What was the person doing at the same time? Describe the picture using the past progressive.		What was the person doing at the same time? Describe the picture using the past progressive.	
1. What was the person doing?	2. What was the person doing?	3. What was the person doing?	4. What was the person doing?	5. What was the person doing?	6. What was the person doing?
1. She was brushing her teeth.	2. He was reading a book.	3. She was cooking dinner.	4. They were playing football.	5. He was working in the office.	6. She was studying for her exam.

2. Then, choose present progressive sentences to describe the picture.

Remember: this is something that **is** happening.

E.g. 'She is brushing her teeth.'

Present Progressive		Present Progressive	
What is the person doing? Describe the picture using the present progressive.	What is the person doing? Describe the picture using the present progressive.	What is the person doing? Describe the picture using the present progressive.	What is the person doing? Describe the picture using the present progressive.
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