

# A01 Pair Assignment

Topic : Past, Present and Future Continuous

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# CONTINUOUS TENSES

- \*past continuous tense
- \*present continuous tense
- \*future continuous tense

## Past continuous tense

→was/were+verb+ing

Eg: \*Ria **was doing** her homework when her father **came** home.

\*while I **was sleeping**, the dog **was barking**. present continuous tense

→is/am/are+

ing(positive sentence)

→is/am/are+not+ing(negative form)

## future continuous tense

→will be+the-ingform of the verb

## Present continuous ,past continuous and future continuous tense

\*The weather **is turning** colder with every passing week.

\*Raj **is growing** taller by the day .

all these are examples of present continuous tense.

\*The baby **was crying** because it was hungry .

\*The **were enjoying** their break from college .

All these are examples of past continuous tense.

\*We **will be studying** french next year .

\*I **will be staying** with my cousing during the summer holiday .

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# Present Continuous Tense

The present continuous tense is used for actions happening now or for an action that is unfinished. This tense is also used when the action is temporary.

# Examples of the Present Continuous Tense

The following are basic examples of the present continuous tense.

- She is crying.
- He is talking to his friend.
- The baby is sleeping in his crib.
- We are visiting the museum in the afternoon.

# Future Tense

Whenever you write or talk about things that you expect to happen later, you use the future tense. If your grandmother says, "We will bake cookies tomorrow," she is using the future tense to make it clear that nobody's baking cookies today — you'll have to wait until tomorrow. The future tense can be more complicated than this simple form, but it always signifies an intended or expected future action.

# Examples of Future Tense

She'll write the e-mail after lunch.

Don't lift that. You'll hurt yourself.

You dropped your purse. ...

I'll see you tomorrow.

You'll get the answer by post.

Dan's going to take the order over to the customer.

The girls are going to sing 'Amazing Grace' now.

I'll drive you to your lesson at 4 pm.



# FUTURE CONTINUOUS

- The future continuous tense refers to a verb tense which denotes that something will happen in the future and continue for an expected period of time. It is also known as the future progressive tense.
- The simple future tense is a verb tense which we use when an action is expected to happen in the future and be completed. For instance, if you are going to the movies at three o'clock.

# EXAMPLES OF FUTURE CONTINUOUS

□ Example: I will reach at three o'clock.

I will reach is the simple future tense of the verb to reach. When we reach once; beyond that, we can't keep on reaching. But, once we get there, we may be doing something that goes on continuously, at least for a particular period of time.

□ Example: At three o'clock, I will be meeting my friends to watch the movie.

Will be meeting is the future continuous tense of the verb to meet. The construction will + be + the present participle meeting which denotes that the meeting is not going to take place in an instant, all at once. In other words, it will have a duration. The will + be + present participle construction always denotes the future continuous tense.

# PAST CONTINUOUS

- The past continuous tense, also known as the past progressive tense, refers to a continuing action or state that was happening at some point in the past. The past continuous tense is formed by combining the past tense of to be (i.e., was/were) with the verb's present participle (-ing word).
- It can also be used to describe something that was happening continuously in the past when another action interrupted it.
- Though the irregularities are few, not every verb is suited to describing a continuous action. Certain verbs can't be used in the past continuous tense. One common example is the verb to arrive.

# EXAMPLES OF PAST CONTINUOUS

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- The following are basic examples of the past continuous tense. The verb tense in each sentence is underlined.
  - When we got to the house yesterday morning, the baby was drinking a bottle.
  - He was waiting at home all day when she sent him the message.
  - Alan was cutting the grass the other day when the snake appeared.
  - I was not sleeping when you got home late last night.
  
- You can also use this tense to make a question. Examples of this use include:
  - What were you doing when the alarm went off last night?
  - Were you calling me when I emailed you this afternoon?
  - What was she doing this time yesterday?