

Saturday Morning with the Robinsons

A. Reading

It's 9:00 am on Saturday morning. The Robinson family is already busy. Malik and his two sons, Kevin and Owen, are cooking a big breakfast for everyone. Kevin is making pancakes, and Owen is beating eggs. Malik is cleaning up the twins' mess. He's also preparing a pot of coffee.

Meanwhile, Sonia is walking the family's dog. She is also pushing Baby Samira in a stroller. She is really hungry. Her stomach is growling! She is looking forward to breakfast.



Saturday Morning with the Robinsons cont.

B. Questions

1. Who is Malik?

2. What is Kevin doing?

3. What is Owen doing?

4. What is Malik doing?

5. Who is Sonia?

6. What is Sonia doing?

7. Who are Malik, Kevin, and Owen cooking for?

Tuesday Morning at the halls of residence

A. Reading

Tricia and Rosa are getting ready for the day in their room.

Tricia is studying for a history test. She is reading her notes and highlighting the most important points. She's also copying the information onto index cards.

The test is in three hours, so she is trying to remember as many dates as she can.

Rosa, on the other hand, is getting ready to take a shower. She is picking out clothes from her wardrobe. She's also talking loudly on the phone to her boyfriend. She isn't studying because she doesn't have a test today. In fact, Rosa doesn't have any tests this week, so she's taking it easy.



Tuesday Morning at the halls of residence cont.

B. Questions

1. What is the relationship between Tricia and Rosa?

2. What is Tricia studying for?

3. How is Tricia studying?

4. What is Rosa doing?

5. Who is Rosa talking to?

6. Why isn't Rosa studying?

7. What is Rosa doing instead?

Friday Morning at Luciano's Restaurant

A. Reading

Luciano is sitting in his restaurant and waiting for Deborah. He is getting ready to interview her for a job. He is looking for a new manager. He is reading Deborah's resume and making a list of questions to ask her.

Unfortunately, Deborah is running late for the interview. She has a flat tyre, so she's sitting on the pavement. She is waiting for help. Also, it's raining. She is upset because she is getting wet. Today isn't going very well for Deborah.



Friday Morning at Luciano's Restaurant cont.

B. Questions

1. Why is Luciano waiting for Deborah?

2. What is he looking for?

3. What is he making a list of?

4. Why is Deborah running late?

5. What is she waiting for?

6. What is the weather like?

7. Why is she upset?

About You

A. Questions

Answer the following questions using the present continuous.

1. What are you doing right now?

2. Who are you spending time with?

3. Where are you sitting or standing?

4. What are you thinking about?

5. How are you feeling?

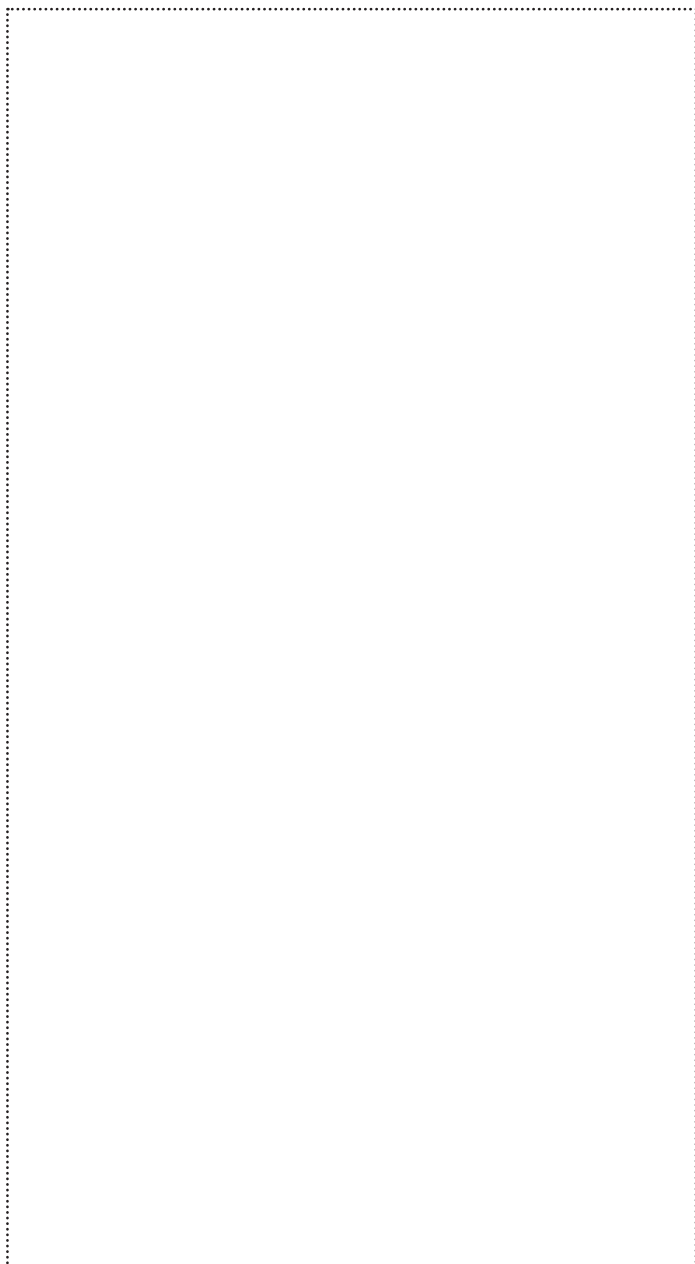
6. Are you eating or drinking something?

7. What are you wearing?

About You cont.

B. Drawing

Draw a picture of yourself in the box or paste in a photograph.



C. Writing

Now use the questions and answers on page 7 to write a short paragraph about what you're doing.

Your Own Story

A. Drawing

Draw a picture in the box or paste in a photograph.



B. Writing

Using the present continuous, write a short paragraph about the picture in the box. Use your notebook if you don't have enough space below.

Your Own Story cont.

C. Questions

Write five questions about your paragraph.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

D. Answers

Give your story and questions to a classmate.

Have them read your story and answer your questions below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Answer Key

LESSON DESCRIPTION:

In this lesson, students read three stories that use the present continuous in context. They answer comprehension questions and write two paragraphs of their own using the present continuous.

LEVEL: Low Int

TIME: 1.5–2 hours

TAGS: grammar in context, present progressive, present continuous, verb tenses, daily routines

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1. Malik is the father of Kevin, Owen, and Samira.
He is Sonia's husband.
2. Kevin is making pancakes.
3. Owen is beating eggs.
4. Malik is cleaning up the twins' mess and preparing a pot of coffee.
5. Sonia is the mother of Kevin, Owen, and Samira.
She is Malik's wife.
6. Sonia is walking the dog and pushing the baby in a stroller.
7. They are cooking for the whole family.

Tuesday Morning at the halls of residence

1. Tricia and Rosa are roommates.
2. Tricia is studying for a history test.
3. Tricia is reading her notes, highlighting important points, and copying the information onto index cards.
4. Rosa is getting ready to take a shower and picking out clothes.
5. Rosa is talking to her boyfriend.
6. Rosa doesn't have a test today.
7. Rosa is taking it easy.

Friday Morning at Luciano's Restaurant

1. Luciano is getting ready to interview Deborah for a job.
2. He is looking for a new manager.
3. He is making a list of questions to ask Deborah.
4. Deborah has a flat tyre.
5. She is waiting for help.
6. It is raining.
7. She is upset because she is getting wet.

About You

Individual answers.

Your Own Story

Individual answers.