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# Continuous Tense



# Present Continuous Tense



# The Market

Read these sentences.

- The grocer is selling vegetables.
- Mother is buying vegetables.
- The florist is showing Bina the flowers.
- Bina is choosing the flowers.






- The verbs selling, buying, showing and choosing tell us about the actions happening now.
- These words are said to be in the present continuous tense.



# Sports Day

## Read these sentences.

- Meghna is reading
- Meera is swimming.
- Bina is playing football.
- Varun is running.
- Navin is marching.






The verbs reading, swimming, playing, running and marching tell us what the children are doing right now.



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# Exercise Time!



Say who is doing what in this picture using the present continuous tense.



# Past Continuous Tense



# At home

Yesterday evening, when Father returned home:

- Prateek and I were fighting.
- Grandma was watching television.
- Grandpa was listening to music.
- The baby was crying.








- When we want to talk about what was happening in the past, at a particular time, we use a past helping verb + *-ing* action word.

  **Example**: were + fighting

- were fighting, was watching, was listening and was crying are actions that were taking place when Father returned home.



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# Exercise Time!



Say aloud what you see in the pictures using the past continuous tense.





# Future Continuous Tense



Read these sentences.

**Gita:** Next summer, I will be learning to play tennis.

**Amit:** Next vacation, I will be holidaying in Ooty.

**Gita:** Mother says next June we will be building our new house. So we will not be going anywhere.










- For positive sentences we follow the structure will + be + verb + *-ing*

- For negative sentences we follow the structure will + not + be + verb + *-ing*



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# Exercise Time!



**Call out the correct future continuous tense forms of the verb given in brackets.**

1. Tomorrow, Mother and I _____ to Universal theatre. (go)
2. We _____ a dance show for the first time. (watch)
3. We _____ the metro to the theatre. (take)
4. We _____ the house by 3 o'clock. (leave)

