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English Worksheet

Class IV

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**Topic: Present Continuous and Past Continuous Tense**

**Any action that continues for some time is said to be continuous .The action may be in the present or in the past.**

**Examples:**

* **The sun is rising.**
* **It was raining when we were playing cricket.**

Continuous forms end with –ing

**Present continuous tense:**

Present continuous (progressive) is used to talk about action in progress- actions which are not yet complete. This tense is used to refer to an action that has begun but not ended at the time of speaking.

**Rule: We use is/am/are +verb+ -ing, i.e. is, am, are + present participle.**

**We use present continuous tense:**

* To describe an action that is going on at the time of speaking.

***e. g I am writing a letter to my brother.***

* To describe an action that is in progress but not going on at the time of speaking.

***e. g These days I am learning to swim.***

* To express an action that is expected to take place in the near future.

***e. g The principal is coming for inspection on Monday.***

**Verb forms in the present continuous tense**

* We generally add **-ing** to most verbs. e. g
* ***I am learning to play guitar.***
* For some verbs that end in **–e,** we drop the **–e** and add **–ing.** e. g
* ***She is dancing well.***
* In some verbs, we have to double the last letter and add **–ing**. e. g
* ***We are jogging in the park.***
* In some verbs ending in **–ie,** we change the **–ie** to **–y** and add **–ing** .e. g
* ***He is lying to his mother.(verb- lie)***

**Past continuous tense**

Is used to talk about something which was in progress/going on at some point of time in the past.

**Rule: We use was /were +verb + -ing, i.e. was /were + present participle form of verb.**

**e. g. Radha was cooking food.**

**This tense is also used:**

* To describe two or more actions going on at the same time.

***e. g. I was sleeping while my brother was studying***.

* To express a continuing action at some point in past when another event took place.

***e. g. We were playing outside when the ball rang.***

**Practice Exercise**

**Q1. Complete these sentences using present continuous tense of the verbs given after the blanks.**

1. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) hard because the final examination is near.
2. The doctors \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) their best to save the patient’s life.
3. The principal\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look) into student’s problems.
4. A cold wind \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (blow) and we\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shiver).
5. Some people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (light) a bonfire.
6. Others\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (warm) their hands on the fire.

**Q2. Change these sentences from the present continuous into past continuous. Begin with the words such as** *yesterday, last evening, last year*, **etc.**

1. The farmer is ploughing his field.

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1. He is driving to work.

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1. I am reading a ghost story.

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1. He is selling fruits and vegetables.

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1. They are practicing for the final match.

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1. We are listening to our favourite songs.

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**Q3. In the following sentences, correct the errors in the tenses and rewrite in appropriate present and past tense.**

1. Don’t make noise, we watch a movie.

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1. I am prepare food when the light went off.

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1. We go to the museum this year.

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1. The car race start on the 15th of next month.

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1. The helper washes the car when the tyre burst.

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1. These days Sunil directed a new play.

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