

Past Continuous (advanced)

How to form this tense

I	He/She/It	We/They/you
was + -ing	was + -ing	were + -ing

Spelling rules

Double the consonant for CVC words: get → tt → getting	Remove the e for verbs ending in 'e': have → have → having
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Use

Talk about things we were doing when another thing happened.
Talk about things using 'while' and 'as'.

Example

Emma was walking to school when she fell.
While she was practising the piano, Mum was the maid who was cooking dinner.
While David was playing football, he hurt his leg.
As Wendy was getting on the train, she tripped and fell.

Negative

Emma wasn't walking to school when she fell.

Question

Was Emma walking to school when she fell?

Gerunds

How to use this verb form

Add -ing to the base form of the verb (follow spelling rules for continuous tenses)
Use it as the subject or object of the sentence.
Subject: Swimming is fun. (**swimming** is the subject)
Object: David is fond of shopping. (**shopping** is the object)
ALWAYS TAKES THE -s form of the verb

Use

When we need a verb to act like a noun.
After prepositions

Example

Eating dinner in a restaurant is enjoyable.
Peter was angry about losing the competition.

Negative form

Eating dinner in a restaurant isn't enjoyable.
Peter wasn't angry about losing the competition.

Question form

Is eating dinner in a restaurant enjoyable?
Was Peter angry about losing the competition?

Present Perfect

How to form this tense

have/has + the past participle
(you need to learn the past participles for the irregular verbs)

Use	Example
Talk about an event that started in the past but has a relationship with now. With for and since. Talk about something without a clear time reference. With the words 'already', 'just', 'never' and 'ever'	You have finished your homework. (Now you can play) Peter has been a student here since January 1. (He is still a student here) James has been to Macau twice. My maid has swept the floor already.
Negative - change to has/hasn't Change 'already' etc.	Questions - change the word order Change 'already' etc.
You haven't finished your homework. (You can't play) James has never been to Macau. My maid hasn't swept the floor yet.	Have you finished your homework? Has James ever been to Macau? Has my maid swept the floor yet?

Passive Voice (Advanced)

How to form this tense

correct form of the verb 'to be' + the past participle
 The past participle NEVER changes.
 The tense of the sentence is shown in the verb 'to be'

to use with more advanced tenses:

Present/past continuous

Active	Passive (being + past participle)
A repairman was fixing my car.	My car is/was being fixed by a repairman.

Future

Active	Passive (will be + past participle)
Miss Chan will mark the books.	The books will be marked by Miss Chan.

Present perfect

Active	Passive (being + past participle)
Mum has just cooked the dinner.	The dinner has just been cooked by Mum.

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks in the following passage using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Halloween

Three young lads, Martin, Tony and Roy, often _____ (hang) out at Halloween together. Tony really _____ (enjoy) _____ (watch) scary movies. The others _____ (prefer) _____ (go) trick or treating.

Last Halloween, while they were having their lunch in the canteen, they _____ (discuss) what to do that evening.

'_____ you ever _____ (go) in a supposedly haunted house in Tai Po?' said Tony. The other boys said that they _____ (not have), so they decided they _____ (meet) later _____ (check) it out.

None of the boys _____ (speak) while they _____ (walk) to the haunted house. On _____ (arrive) at the front door they _____ (hear) a strange noise.

'What _____ (make) that strange noise? I can still _____ (hear) _____ you _____ (can/hear) it, too?' said _____.

'Oh wait! It _____ (stop) already. I _____ (think) it _____ (be) a dog barking,' _____ (reply) Martin.

In they _____ (go), the first thing they _____ (see) was a old sofa covered with spider webs. Then, they _____ (spot) something _____ (move) behind the curtains.

Suddenly, a cat _____ (jump) out. Terrified, they _____ (bolt) to the door _____ (sprint) all the way home without _____ (stop).

'_____ (let/play) football instead.' Tony _____ (not tell) anyone what _____ (happen) because they were too embarrassed.

**Thinking Skills**

Have you ever been in a haunted house? Do you believe in ghosts?

Exercise 20

Read the short conversation and then complete the blanks using the correct form of the verbs in brackets (focus on reported speech).

- Roy: What did you do at the weekend?
 Anna: We went to Macau for a short trip and we came back last night.
 Roy: That sounds like fun! Did your whole family go?
 Anna: We all went except my dad. He went fishing in Tai Po instead.
 Roy: What did you do in Macau?
 Anna: We took a tour around some historic places.
 Roy: Are you planning to go back again soon?
 Anna: Yes. We'll go to see the Dancing Water Show next month. Maybe you can come with us.
 Roy: Sure! I hear it's a great show!



Roy asked Anna what she _____ (do) that weekend.
 Anna replied that she _____ (go) to Macau for a short trip and
 _____ (come) back the night before.

Roy said it _____ (sound) like fun and asked if Anna's whole
 family _____ (go) together.

Anna said that her dad _____ (choose) to go fishing instead
 and so _____ (not/go) with them.

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Anna told him about all the things they
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Thinking Skills

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None of the boys **spoke** (speak) while they **were walking** (walk) to the haunted house. On **arriving** (arrive) at the front door they **heard** (hear) a strange noise.

'What **is making** (make) that strange noise? I can still **hear** (hear) it. **Can** you **hear** (can/hear) it, too?' said Roy.

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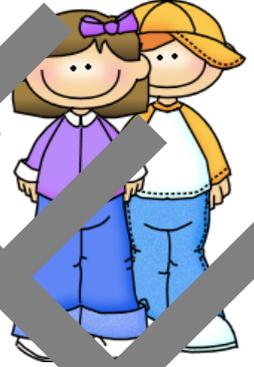
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