



Present Continuous Tense — A1 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. I ____ a book at the moment.
A) read B) am reading C) reading D) am read
2. She ____ from home this week.
A) is working B) working C) is work D) works is
3. They ____ dinner in the kitchen.
A) is cooking B) are cooking C) cooking D) are cook
4. ____ you listening to me?
A) Do B) Are C) Is D) Have
5. Which spelling is correct after am, is or are?
A) I am takeing a break. B) I am takking a break.
C) I am taking a break. D) I am take a break.
6. Which spelling is correct?
A) They are runing late. B) They are running late.
C) They are runnning late. D) They are run late.
7. He ____ working today — he's on holiday.
A) doesn't B) isn't C) not is D) aren't
8. Which sentence is correct?
A) She working in the garden. B) She is work in the garden.
C) She is working in the garden. D) She does working in the garden.
9. We ____ for the bus at the moment.
A) wait B) are waiting C) waiting D) is waiting
10. ____ it raining outside?
A) Does B) Is C) Are D) Has

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. I _____ dinner at the moment — can I call you back? (cook)
2. She _____ from home this week. (work)

3. They _____ in the garden. (play)
4. _____ you listening to the radio?
5. It _____ heavily outside. (rain)
6. We _____ for the last bus. (wait)
7. He _____ working today — he has a day off.
8. The children _____ a film in the living room. (watch)

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. very / reading / am / good / I / book. / a

Describe what you are doing right now.

2. is / working / She / from / home / today.

Describe a woman's working arrangements this week.

3. cooking / They / in / kitchen. / dinner / are / the

Describe what some people are doing at this moment.

4. to / listening / me? / Are / you

Check whether somebody is paying attention.

5. is / heavily. / raining / very / It

Describe the weather outside right now.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **B) am reading** — The present continuous needs both be and the -ing form: am reading.
2. **A) is working** — Is plus working — the two halves of the tense must both be present.
3. **B) are cooking** — They is plural, so the auxiliary is are.
4. **B) Are** — The question is made by moving be in front of the subject; no do is used.
5. **C) I am taking a break.** — A silent final -e is dropped before -ing: take becomes taking.
6. **B) They are running late.** — A final consonant after a single stressed vowel doubles before -ing: run becomes running.
7. **B) isn't** — The negative puts not after be: he isn't working.
8. **C) She is working in the garden.** — Both halves are needed: the correct form of be and the -ing form of the verb.
9. **B) are waiting** — We is plural, so the auxiliary is are, and the main verb takes -ing.
10. **B) Is** — It is singular, so the question begins with is.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **am cooking** — The present continuous needs both the correct form of be and the -ing form.
2. **is working** — A third-person singular subject takes is, and the main verb adds -ing.
3. **are playing** — They is plural, so the auxiliary is are.
4. **Are** — The question is made by moving be in front of the subject.
5. **is raining** — It is singular, so the auxiliary is is.
6. **are waiting** — We is plural, so the auxiliary is are.
7. **isn't** — The negative puts not after be, and he takes is.
8. **are watching** — Children is plural, so the auxiliary is are.

C. Sentence building

1. **I am reading a very good book.**
2. **She is working from home today.**
3. **They are cooking dinner in the kitchen.**
4. **Are you listening to me?**
5. **It is raining very heavily.**