DoodleBeez Worksheets

Grade 4 | English

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Progressive Verb Tenses: Learn and Practice

Show actions that are, were or will be going on

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

Progressive Tenses

- Progressive tenses show an action that keeps going for a while.
- They use a form of be plus a verb ending in ing.
- Past uses was or were, present uses am, is or are, and future uses will be.
- Right now, Sam is flying a kite.

1. Progressive tenses use a helping verb and a verb ending in what?
   A. s, like runs B. ly, like quickly
   C. ing, like running D. ed, like jumped

2. Which sentence is in the future progressive?
   A. I will be skating tomorrow.
   B. I am skating now. C. I skate on Fridays.
   D. I skated yesterday.

3. Which sentence is in the past progressive?
   A. We were reading when the bell rang.
   B. We read a book. C. We will read later.
   D. We read every day.

4. Fill in the blank: At this time next week, we ___ at the beach.
   A. swam B. were swimming
   C. will be swimming D. are swimming

5. Fill in the blank: Yesterday at noon, Ava ___ her bike.
   A. was riding B. rides C. will be riding
   D. is riding

6. Which helping verb fits? They ___ playing chess when the power went out.
   A. were B. will be C. are D. is

7. Which verb is in the present progressive? Sam ___ a kite right now.
   A. flies B. is flying C. flew D. will fly

8. Fill in the blank: Right now, the birds ___ in the tree.
   A. are singing B. will be singing C. sang
   D. were singing

Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for progressive verb tenses and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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1 Progressive tenses use a helping verb and a verb ending in what?

A. s, like runs B. ly, like quickly

C. ing, like running D. ed, like jumped

Progressive verbs end in ing, like running or reading. That ending shows the action keeps going.

2 Which sentence is in the future progressive?

A. I will be skating tomorrow.

B. I am skating now. C. I skate on Fridays.

D. I skated yesterday.

Will be skating shows an action that will be going on in the future.

3 Which sentence is in the past progressive?

A. We were reading when the bell rang.

B. We read a book. C. We will read later.

D. We read every day.

Were reading shows an action that was going on in the past.

4 Fill in the blank: At this time next week, we ___ at the beach.

A. swam B. were swimming

C. will be swimming D. are swimming

Next week is in the future, so will be swimming fits.

5 Fill in the blank: Yesterday at noon, Ava ___ her bike.

A. was riding B. rides C. will be riding

D. is riding

Yesterday points to the past, so was riding is correct.

6 Which helping verb fits? They ___ playing chess when the power went out.

A. were B. will be C. are D. is

The power went out in the past, and they is plural, so were is correct.

7 Which verb is in the present progressive? Sam ___ a kite right now.

A. flies **B. is flying** C. flew D. will fly

Is flying shows an action happening right now. Right now is a helpful clue.

8 Fill in the blank: Right now, the birds ___ in the tree.

A. are singing B. will be singing C. sang

D. were singing

Right now tells us the present, and birds is plural, so are singing fits.