

Varied Fluency

Step 8: Present Tense

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (2G4.2) [Learn how to use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support the recognition and use of the simple present and present progressive tenses. Uses single-clause sentences where there are no changes to the base verb.

Expected Questions to support the recognition and use of the simple present and present progressive tenses. Uses multi-clause sentences with co-ordination, where there are changes to the base verb.

Greater Depth Questions to support the recognition and use of the simple present and present progressive tenses. Uses multi-clause sentences with subordination, where there are changes to the base verb.

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Present Tense

1a. Match the simple present tense verb to its present progressive form.

is turning

turn

was turning

turned



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Present Tense

1b. Match the simple present tense verb to its present progressive form.

was pulling

pull

pulled

am pulling



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2a. Circle the simple present tense verbs below.

cooked

play

jump

talk

helped



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2b. Circle the simple present tense verbs below.

listen

fixed

call

baked

visit



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3a. Tick the sentence that uses the present progressive tense.

A. I am walking to the local shops.

B. I walk to the local shops.



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3b. Tick the sentence that uses the simple present tense.

A. The footballer trains hard.

B. The footballer is training hard.



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4a. True or false? The sentence below uses the simple present tense.

My sister works as a doctor.



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4b. True or false? The sentence below uses the present progressive tense.

We are looking both ways on the road.



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Present Tense

5a. Match the simple present tense verb to its present progressive form.

joke

joked

was joking

are joking



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Present Tense

5b. Match the simple present tense verb to its present progressive form.

travel

was travelling

is travelling

travelled



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6a. Circle the simple present tense verbs below.

flew

kisses

went

flies

am



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6b. Circle the simple present tense verbs below.

pushes

dreamt

fries

dries

crunches



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7a. Tick the sentence that uses the present progressive tense.

A. You chat to your new friend and you sit next to her in class.

B. You are chatting to your new friend and you are sitting next to her in class.



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7b. Tick the sentence that uses the simple present tense.

A. We are diving into the pool and you are sunbathing on the beach.

B. We dive into the pool and you sunbathe on the beach.



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8a. True or false? The sentence below uses the simple present tense.

Zahira is swimming in the sea and her mum is watching her.



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8b. True or false? The sentence below uses the present progressive tense.

Isaac plays in the park every day, but he also likes to ride his bike.



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Present Tense

9a. Match the simple present tense verb to its present progressive form.

wrote

write

was writing

am writing



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Present Tense

9b. Match the simple present tense verb to its present progressive form.

was taking

take

are taking

took



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10a. Circle the simple present tense verbs below.

hunches

lit

fizzes

wound

misses



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10b. Circle the simple present tense verbs below.

punches

met

sank

washes

whizzes



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11a. Tick the sentence that uses the present progressive tense.

A. Dan is knitting a multicoloured blanket for his gran, who felt cold yesterday.

B. Dan knits a multicoloured blanket for his gran, who was feeling cold yesterday.



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11b. Tick the sentence that uses the simple present tense.

A. Kim is scrubbing her finger nails, which are very dirty, as she was digging up the garden earlier.

B. Kim scrubs her finger nails, which are very dirty, as she was digging up the garden earlier.



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12a. True or false? The sentence below uses the simple present tense.

I always wear a hat when the sun is shining, as I don't want to burn my skin.



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12b. True or false? The sentence below uses the present progressive tense.

As it's a sunny day, we did all of our washing earlier and hung the clothes out on the line to dry.



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Developing

- 1a. **turn – is turning**
- 2a. **play, jump, talk**
- 3a. **A**
- 4a. **True**

Expected

- 5a. **joke – are joking**
- 6a. **kisses, flies, am**
- 7a. **B**
- 8a. **False, the sentence uses the present progressive tense.**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **write – am writing**
- 10a. **hunches, fizzes, misses**
- 11a. **A**
- 12a. **True, the sentence uses the simple present form of the verbs 'wear' and 'burn'.**

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Developing

- 1b. **pull – am pulling**
- 2b. **listen, call, visit**
- 3b. **A**
- 4b. **True**

Expected

- 5b. **travel – is travelling**
- 6b. **pushes, fries, dries, crunches**
- 7b. **B**
- 8b. **False, the sentence only uses the simple present tense.**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **take – are taking**
- 10b. **punches, washes, whizzes**
- 11b. **B**
- 12b. **False, the sentence uses the simple present and the simple past tenses.**