

Past continuous

Unit 1

A Circle the correct answer.

- Jin and Clara was watching a horror movie. Suddenly, the phone rang.
 - was watching
 - were watching**
 - watched
 - watch
- There were many children on the beach. Some were making sandcastles.
 - is making
 - are making
 - were making**
 - was making
- When I first was meeting him, he was very polite.
 - was meeting
 - meet
 - were meeting**
 - were meeting
- Sam was eating a big cake for lunch when I went out.
 - eats
 - eat
 - had eating
 - was eating**
- Ben was hearing a strange noise more than twice last night.
 - was hearing
 - hears
 - hear
 - heard**
- Henry was leading the race, but he fell down.
 - lead
 - leads
 - was leading**
 - is leading
- Anna could not answer the phone. She was taking a bath.
 - was taking**
 - took
 - takes
 - taking
- What were you doing when I called?
 - did you doing
 - were you doing**
 - did you did
 - were you did

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B Complete each dialogue using the correct form of the verb given.

- Tim: Where were you going when I saw you yesterday?
Max: We were going (go) to the museum.
- Paul: What was Wendy doing when she cut her finger?
Gina: She was cutting (cut) paper with a sharp knife.
- Jake: It was raining (rain) heavily when I woke up at midnight.
Kim: Are you sure? How come the roads are dry this morning?
- Nina: My friend's baby sister is walking now.
Lisa: Really? She was crawling (crawl) last time I saw her.
- Pete: He did not study at all last night.
Jeff: I know. He and I were playing (play) an online game all night.

C Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- Tell me what he ~~was~~ was doing at 7:30 last night.
- ~~Did~~ Were you get up late this morning?
- Tim ~~was having~~ was having dinner with her mother when I dropped by to ask about homework.
- Lynn and I ~~was~~ were studying for the exams while our classmates were out shopping.
- My sister did not ~~go~~ go to school last week because she was sick.
- Simon ~~was~~ was having a great time in Hawaii when he called me.
- My baby brother was ~~sleep~~ sleeping in the cradle while I was doing my homework.

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D Circle the correct answer.

Sam (1) (was going / went) to camp last summer and had a great time. He especially liked seeing wild animals at the camp. One time he saw that a few rabbits (2) (were hopping) (are hopping) around the campsite. He tried to catch one but the rabbits (3) (ran) (are running) away when they saw him. Then he noticed that a deer (4) (climbed / was climbing) the fence to get inside the camp. He (5) (was going) (went) over to see the deer when his teacher called him.

E Correct the seven mistakes in the passage.

~~was~~ John were hiking in the mountains with his class. He was excited because it was his first time to go hiking. It was hard work, but he did not ~~look~~ look tired at all. In fact, he ~~was~~ was smiling as he walked. Four hours later, he and his classmates ~~were~~ reached the top. The view was beautiful!

While his classmates ~~will~~ were admiring the view, John was wandering around taking pictures. Suddenly, he realized that he was alone and started to walk back. But he could not find his way back—he was lost! He panicked and started shouting for help. But no one came. John was sitting on a rock and ~~was~~ was thinking about what to do when he saw that somebody ~~came~~ was coming toward him. It was his teacher!

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F Look at Sally's and John's camp schedules for yesterday. Then write a paragraph comparing their activities. Use the past continuous.

Sally's schedule	John's schedule
6:30 get up	6:30 get up
7:30 have breakfast	7:30 have breakfast
8:00 pick up trash along the stream	8:00 meet with teammates
10:00 go rafting	9:00 go rock climbing
12:00 have lunch	12:00 have lunch
2:00 survey wild plants	2:00 visit a shelter for injured wild animals

Sally and John got up at 6:30 and had breakfast at 7:30. After that, Sally was picking up trash along the stream while John was meeting with his teammates. John went rock climbing after the meeting. At 10:00 Sally went rafting. At 12:00, both Sally and John were having lunch. The last activity was at 2:00. Sally was surveying wild plants, while John was visiting a shelter for injured wild animals.

Suggested answers
Students' answers can vary

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Countable and uncountable nouns

Unit
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A Circle the correct answer.

- Wow, look at those ____!
a present
b presents
c one present
d some presents
- There are some ____ on the table.
Whose are they?
a coins
b juice
c money
d book
- I would like to have ____ of milk.
a a piece
b a slice
c a glass
d some
- My teacher gave me ____ advice on how to study better.
a many
b much of
c a few
d some
- Reading ____ book every day is a good habit.
a some
b much
c a
d many
- We cannot live without ____.
a air
b airs
c an air
d many airs
- I wear ____ because I have poor eyesight.
a glass
b some glass
c a glasses
d glasses
- I am hungry. Can I have a ____?
a bread
b cookie
c piece of cakes
d cheese

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B Match the two parts of the sentence.

- There are a couple of _____ shoes for my birthday.
- He has some _____ postcard to my friend.
- There is a _____ pianos in the music room.
- Mom bought me a pair of _____ fruit in his backpack.
- I sent a _____ big pie on the table.

C Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- There ~~are~~ ^{is} some information about the party on the card.
- We do not have ~~a~~ time to prepare dinner.
- I need some ~~beefs~~ ^{beef} for the soup I am making.
- You should eat some ~~vegetable~~ ^{vegetables} to keep you healthy.
- I like learning ~~an~~ English.
- I want a piece ~~of~~ ^a cake for dessert.
- ~~Gold~~ ^{Golds} is expensive and so are diamonds.
- Swimming is ~~a~~ ^a good way to keep fit.
- I wish you good ~~lucks~~ ^{luck} on the exam.
- There ~~is~~ ^{are} a lot of bananas in the basket.
- I drink ~~a~~ ^{glass} of orange juice every day.
- My grandma lives in the country where she keeps a few ~~chicken~~ ^{chickens}.
- Would you like to listen to some ~~musics~~ ^{music}?

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D Circle the correct answer.

Yesterday was my birthday. My dad, mom and I went to (1) a popular restaurant for dinner. We ordered a shrimp salad, three servings of (2) steaks / steak), three (3) glass / glasses of fruit punch and a big (4) chocolate / chocolates) cake. We waited for almost (5) some / an) hour to get our food! Until our order arrived, all we had to eat were a few pieces of (6) breads / bread). We were so annoyed!

E Complete the dialogue using the phrases given.

a bag of / a bar of / a birthday / a lot of / a present / some sugar / some fruit

- Jean: Hey, Katie! Why are you so quiet? What are you thinking about?
- Kate: I am thinking of (1) a present for my mom. Her birthday is coming.
- Jean: How about making (2) a birthday cake?
- Kate: Well, I am not good at baking.
- Jean: It is not that difficult. I can help you if you want.
- Kate: Really? Thanks! What do we need?
- Jean: Well, we need (3) a bag of flour, butter, milk, eggs and whipping cream. We also need (4) some fruit, such as strawberries or grapes.
- Kate: That will cost me (5) a lot of money. I only have \$10.
- Jean: Oh. Well, we can make chocolate cookies instead. We need (6) some sugar, butter, flour and (7) a bar of chocolate.
- Kate: OK, we will make my mom chocolate cookies, then. Thanks!

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F Read the recipe for chocolate cookies. Circle the countable nouns and underline the uncountable nouns.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 bar of chocolate
- 1 cup raisins (optional)

Instructions:

Pre-heat the oven to 350°F. Put the butter, sugar and eggs in a bowl and stir them thoroughly. Add the flour and mix well to make dough. Blend in melted chocolate and raisins.

Put the dough into a squeeze bottle. Prepare a baking tray and put foil on the tray. Squeeze the dough onto the foil. Bake the cookies in the oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Remove the baked cookies from the oven. Serve them on a plate.

G Write your own recipe for a food item.

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup sliced almonds

Instructions:

Pre-heat the oven to 350°F. Beat the eggs in a large mixing bowl. Add sugar and mix well. Stir cocoa powder and flour into the egg mixture. Then add melted butter.

Spread the mixture in a cake pan. Bake for 30 minutes. Let the cake cool for 5 minutes before putting almonds on top.

Suggested answers
Students' answers can vary

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Linking verbs

Unit 4

A Circle the correct answer.

- I was up late last night studying math, so I _____ very tired today.
a felt
b feel
c fell
d feeling
- He _____ serious. What is the matter with him?
a is looking like
b look
c look like
d looks
- This cake _____ good. I cannot eat it anymore.
a do not-taste
b taste
c is tasting
d does not taste
- This piano _____ strange. I think it needs tuning.
a looking
b sounds
c sound
d looked
- The sky is _____ dark. It is going to rain soon.
a getting
b gets
c got
d get
- He was dressed as Dracula, but he _____ funny rather than scary.
a was seeming
b seemed
c seem
d is seeming
- The girls _____ the food now. They seem very pleased with their cooking.
a are tasting
b tastes
c are tasted
d tasted
- You _____ your father when he was your age.
a look
b seem
c appear
d look like

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B Underline the linking verb in each sentence.

- There seems to be a secret between them.
- I know this sounds strange, but I think there is a giant in the backyard!
- All the apples in the basket taste rotten.
- Most of the students appear willing to help with the project.
- The singer seems nervous—she is usually better than this.
- You look worried and scared.
- His stories sound very imaginative.
- I feel cold despite the hot weather.

C Rearrange the words given to make a sentence.

- Have you seen the new Harry Potter movie? A lot of people seem to like it.
(people / it / seem / like / a lot of / to)
- She has had her hair cut. She looks totally different.
(different / looks / she / totally)
- I do not think students will like this soup. It tastes of onion.
(onion / it / tastes / of)
- What is that in your hand? It smells like fresh lemon.
(lemon / smells / it / fresh / like)
- The players do not look excited.
(the players / do / look / not / excited) What is wrong with them?

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D Circle the correct answer.

Do you (1) (feel / want) to make your birthday party unforgettable? Then have a magic party! We at Magic House provide great magic shows anytime, anywhere. Get ready for our amazing tricks—a white rabbit disappears and then reappears, a torn-up cloth (2) (seems / tastes) suddenly whole again and the magician (3) (appears / disappears) to walk through a wall! Do these tricks (4) (sound / appear) impossible to you? Call 555-8899 for a free demonstration!

E Find and underline the five action verbs that function as linking verbs.

The school auditorium was crowded with teachers and students. Everyone was whispering—a lot of students looked confused as to why they had been called to the auditorium an hour before classes were to end. After a few minutes Mr. Banner, the principal, appeared onstage. Everyone was looking up at him, waiting for his announcement. Mr. Banner looked uncomfortable. Then he told us that the costume dance scheduled for next week had been canceled.

Everyone turned quiet. They could not believe what they had just heard. Arrangements for the school dance had been made, and most of the students had bought their costumes. Then everyone started talking. Many of them felt angry. Others appeared too disappointed to say anything.

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F Correct the six mistakes in the diary entry.

June 1, Sat.

I went to an air show with my family. It was held to celebrate Children's Day. The air field ~~was~~ was ~~seemed~~ packed with tens of thousands of people. All of the people ~~looks~~ looked excited.

The emcee briefly talked about the highlights of the air show. Shortly afterward, two jets ~~were~~ looked appeared in the air, roaring like thunder. They like two eagles.

The best part of the air show was when the jets emitted colored smoke. The sky ~~looked like~~ looked ~~about~~ a huge sheet of blue paper, and the two jets appeared to be decorating it.

It was ~~tested~~ was fantastic!

G Write about a past event that you enjoyed. Use different linking verbs.

I went to a circus with my family during summer vacation. It was fun! All the props and decorations looked innovative. The background music was lively enough to create a festive mood. There were many kinds of snacks for sale. Dad bought us some cotton candy. It tasted very sweet and it really looked like a big pile of cotton on a stick! The audience became extremely excited when the performers appeared onstage. Their costumes looked fabulous. The acrobatic feats seemed incredible.

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