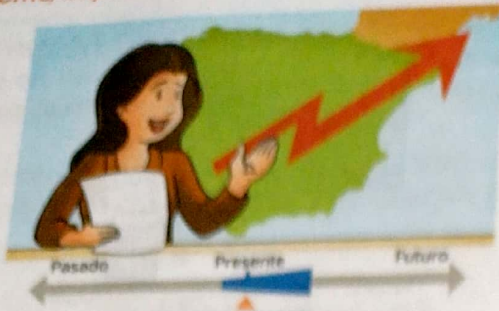


Situations that are changing around us. Generally this use is built with verbs like get, change, become, improve, begin, start, etc.



The situation in this country **is improving.**



He **is getting** taller and thinner.

Activity

1 Change the verbs of these sentences to present progressive.

1. The cat eats is eating in the kitchen.
2. Peter sits is sitting in his tree house.
3. The children bake is baking biscuits.
4. I walk am walking to the mall on my own.
5. We paint are painting our house cream and brown.
6. Nina plays is playing the piano quite well.
7. The boys ride are riding their bicycles often.
8. Ian leaves is leaving our class at the end of the week.
9. The dog barks is barking outside the back door.
10. The girls slide are sliding down the sand dune.

2 Rewrite the sentences in present progressive.

1. The principal shakes his head at the giggling children.

The principal shaking his head at the giggling children

2. Our pony club rides well at competitions.

Our pony club riding well at competitions

3. The fathers lead the horses to drink water.

The fathers leading the horses to drink water

4. Rose bushes grow well in spring and summer.

Bushes grow well in spring and summer

5. I kneel in front of the fire.

I am kneeling in front of the fire

3 Make True or False to the following sentences.

A. We use the present continuous for permanent states or situations.

True False

B. We use the present continuous for temporary situations.

True False

C. We often use the present continuous for things happening right now.

True False

D. We can use the present continuous for future arrangements.

True False

E. We can use the present continuous with all verbs.

True False

F. Some verbs – for talking about emotions, thinking, the senses, etc. – cannot be used in the continuous form.

True False

G. Sometimes the spelling of the infinitive form changes when we add -ing.

True False

4 Fill the gaps with the verbs in brackets. Use present progressive.

1. I'm really busy — I am studying (study) for the exam.

2. Right now we are riding (ride) camels!

3. They said they are having (have) a great time.

4. Daisy is downloading (download) an album.

5. What are you doing (you do) at the moment?

6. They are waiting (wait) for me in the café.

7. Is Oliver working (Oliver work) hard?