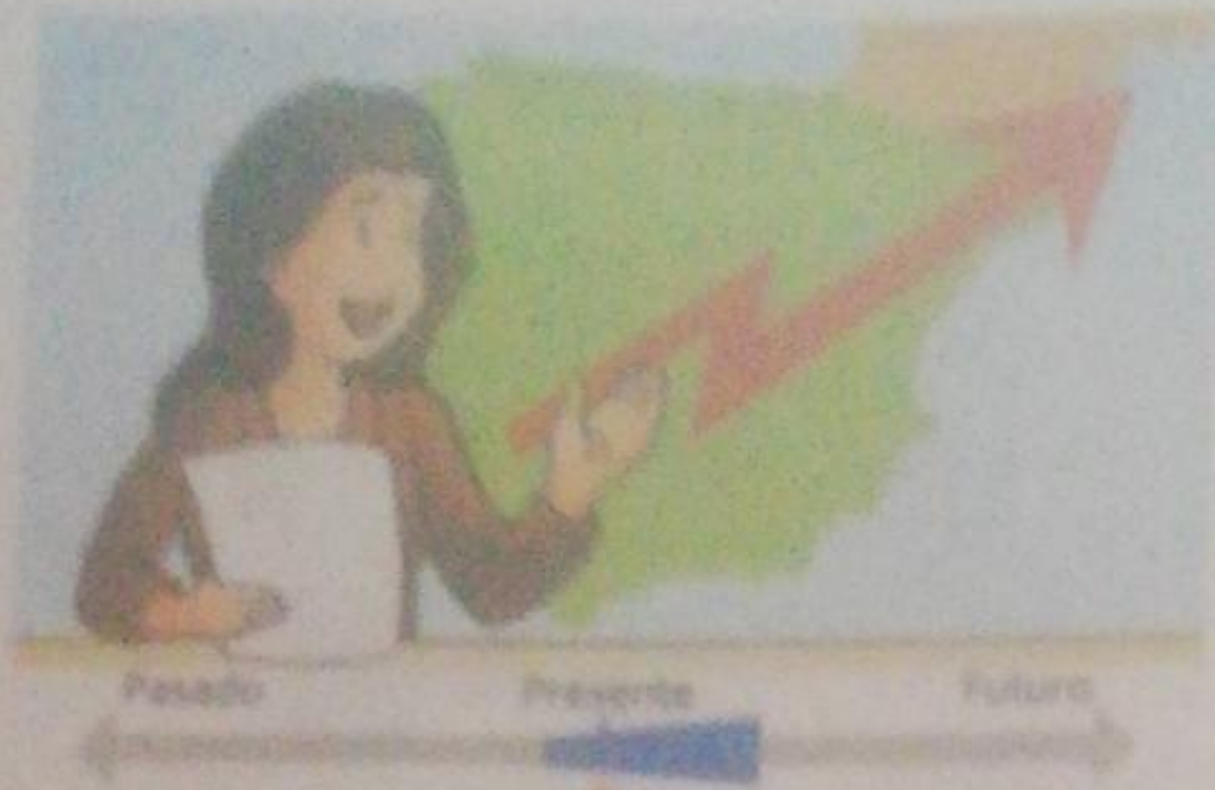


Situations that are changing around us. Generally this use is built with verbs like get, change, become, improve, begin, start, etc.



The situation in this country is improving.



He is getting taller and thinner.



**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~~ are 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 is shaking his head at the giggling children.

2. Our pony club rides well at competitions.

Our pony club is riding well at competitions.

3. The fathers lead the horses to drink water.

The fathers are leading the horses to drink water.



4. Rose bushes grow well in spring and summer.

Rose bushes are growing well in spring and summer

5. I kneel in front of the fire.

I am kneeling in front of the fire

6. 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

7. 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're 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?

8. The weather's terrible, so we are not going (not go) walking much.

8. Correct the mistakes in the following sentences.

1. The TV no is working.

The TV is not working

2. I'm liking this album a lot.

I like this album a lot