# Progressive tenses worksheet

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For grown-ups: 8 questions from our progressive tenses practice, easier ones first. Read a question aloud if your child wants that, then check together with the answer key on page 2. Circle one answer for each problem.

1. **Which word fills the blank? The students (blank) quietly at the moment.**

   The students ___ quietly at the moment.

   ○ **were working** ○ **will be working**
   ○ **are working**

2. **Is this sentence in the past progressive tense?**

   The children were building a fort.

   ○ **Yes, past** ○ **No, not past**

3. **Which word fills the blank? Look! The baby (blank) her first steps.**

   Look! The baby ___ her first steps.

   ○ **is taking** ○ **was taking**
   ○ **will be taking**

4. **Which sentence is in the past progressive tense?**

   ○ **She will be painting.**
   ○ **She is painting.**
   ○ **She was painting.**

5. **Which sentence is in the present progressive tense?**

   ○ **They were running.**
   ○ **They will be running.**
   ○ **They are running.**

6. **Which sentence is in the future progressive tense?**

   ○ **We will be hiking.** ○ **We are hiking.**
   ○ **We were hiking.**

7. **Which word fills the blank? At three o'clock tomorrow, Sofia (blank) her piano lesson.**

   At three o'clock tomorrow, Sofia ___ her piano lesson.

   ○ **was having** ○ **will be having**
   ○ **were having**

8. **Is this sentence in the present progressive tense?**

   Leo was riding his bike.

   ○ **Yes, present** ○ **No, not present**

# Answer key: Progressive tenses

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1. **are working**
   "At the moment" means now, so we use are working.
2. **Yes, past**
   Were building uses were plus an -ing verb, so it is past progressive.
3. **is taking**
   "Look!" means it is happening now, so we use is taking.
4. **She was painting.**
   Past progressive uses was or were plus an -ing verb: was painting.
5. **They are running.**
   Present progressive uses am, is, or are plus an -ing verb: are running.
6. **We will be hiking.**
   Future progressive uses will be plus an -ing verb: will be hiking.
7. **will be having**
   "Tomorrow" is the future, so we use will be having.
8. **No, not present**
   Was riding is past progressive. Present progressive would be "Leo is riding his bike."