

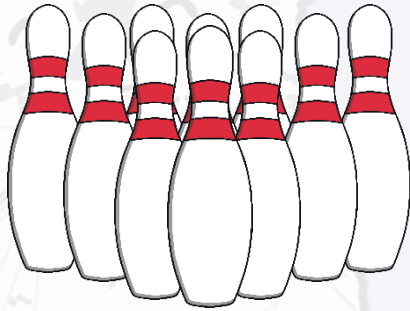


The
Present
and
Past
Progressive Tense
Warm Up

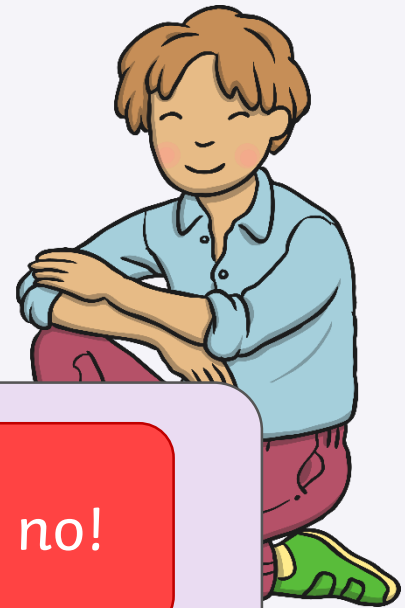


We are going to play Progressive Tense Hangman! Can you guess the missing letters in the progressive tense sentence?

For a bonus point, is the sentence written in the **past** progressive tense or the **present** progressive tense? How did you know?



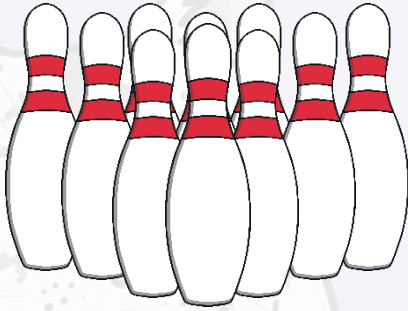
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When an incorrect letter is chosen, press the 'Oh no!' button to knock down a bowling pin.

Oh no!

This is present progressive tense because it uses 'is' + a verb with an -ing suffix.



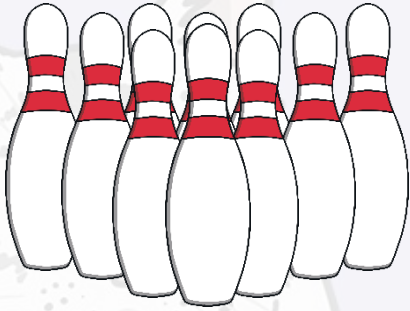
Uh-Oh!

The pound coin i s /
c h a n g i n g
shape this year. ✨

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Answer

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	

This is past progressive tense because it uses 'was' + a verb with an -ing suffix.



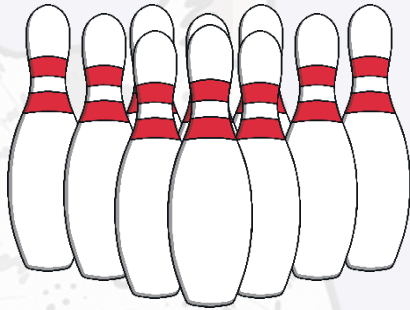
Uh-Oh!

My teacher was /
drinking a cup of tea.

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Answer

a b c d e f g h i
j k l m n o p q r
s t u v w x y z

This is present progressive tense because it uses 'are' + a verb with an -ing suffix.



Uh-Oh!

The children are /
practising their
dance in the hall.

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Answer

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r
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Can you write a sentence to describe this picture using the **past progressive tense**?



show answer

Any sentence that uses 'was' or 'were' and then a verb with an -ing suffix. For example: Jake was telling me about his holiday. The boys were looking at the photographs.

Is this written in the **simple** past tense or the past **progressive** tense?



She was playing football.

show answer

Past progressive tense because it uses 'was' and then a verb with an -ing suffix.

Is this written in the **simple** past tense or the past **progressive** tense?

He baked a delicious cake.



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Simple past tense – the verb 'bake' has a simple -ed suffix.

Can you write a sentence to describe this picture using the **present progressive tense**?

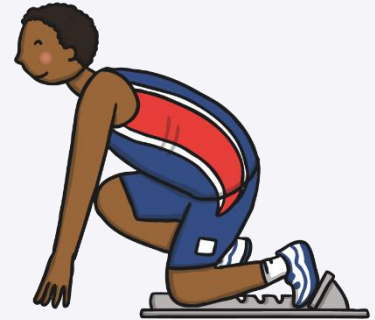


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Any sentence that uses 'is' or 'are' and then a verb with the -ing suffix. For example: My friends are jumping. Only one person is standing still. The dancers are leaping.

Is this written in the **simple** present tense or the past **progressive** tense?

The athletes run on the track.



show answer

Simple present tense – it uses the verb 'run' in its simplest form.

Is this written in the **simple** past tense or the past **progressive** tense?

Ali is swimming in the pool.



show answer

Present progressive tense because it uses 'is' and then a verb with an -ing suffix.

Is this written in the simple past tense, the past progressive tense, the simple present tense or the present progressive tense?



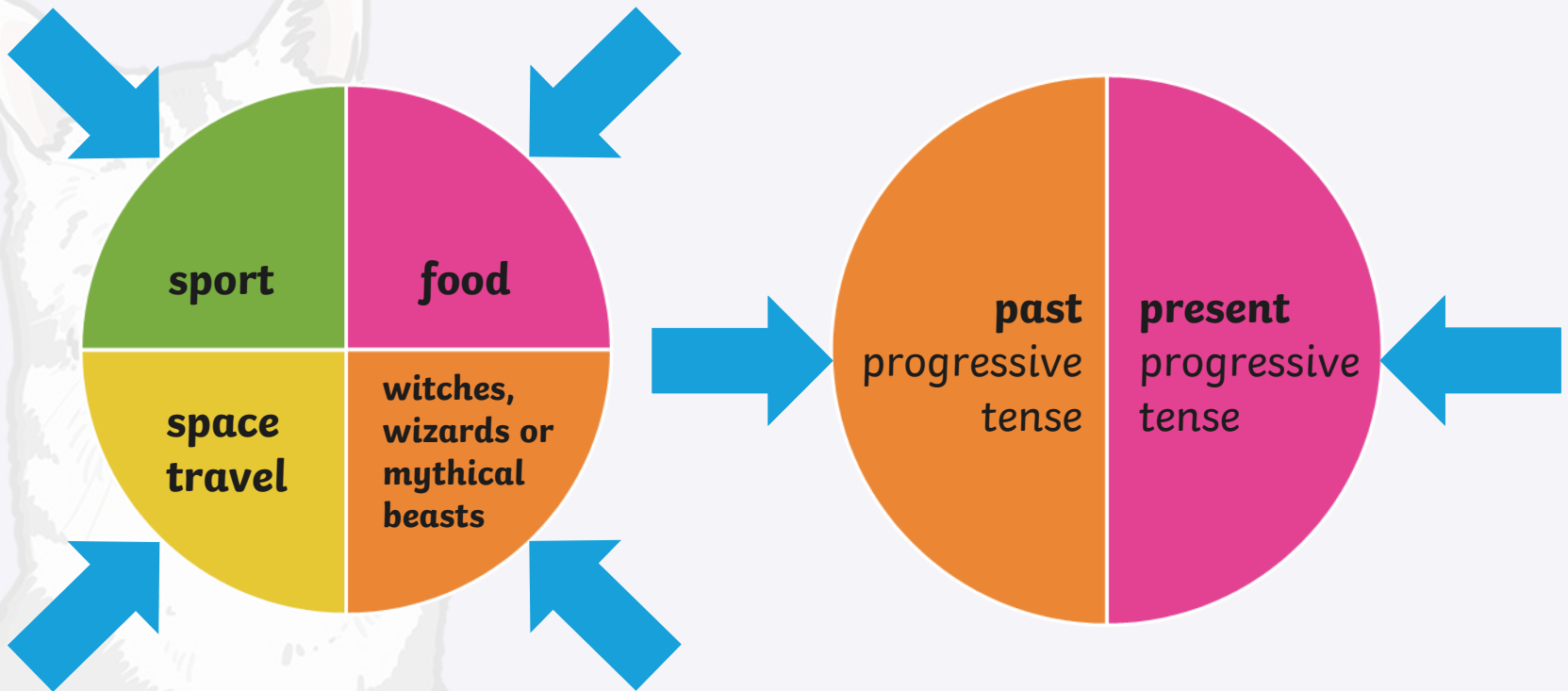
We were making friendship bracelets all afternoon.

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This is past progressive tense – because it uses ‘were’ and a verb with an -ing suffix.

How did you know?

Spin the spinners! Write a sentence about the topic selected by the first spinner in the tense selected by the second spinner.

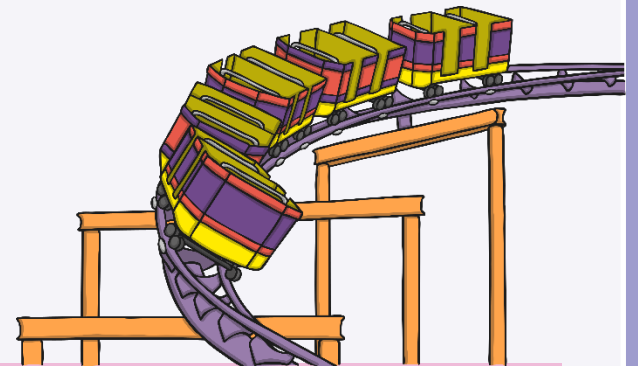


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answers**

Your sentence is correct if you used 'am', 'is' or 'are' and a verb with an -ing suffix for the present progressive tense; or you have used 'was' or 'were' + a verb with an -ing suffix for past progressive tense.

This sentence has been mixed up. Can you put it in the right order? Do you think it is **present** or **past** progressive tense?

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This sentence is written in the present progressive tense.

This sentence has been mixed up. Can you put it in the right order? Do you think it is **present** or **past progressive** tense?

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This sentence is written in the past progressive tense.

Split into two teams. Take it in turns to click on **two** cards. If you find the same sentence written in simple past tense and simple present tense then you score a point for your team. Whichever team has found the most pairs at the end of the game wins.

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Simple present tense - Adnan walks up the stairs quickly.

Simple past tense - Felix won the medal for neat handwriting.

Past progressive tense - Alice was dawdling on her way to school.

Present progressive tense - Magda is losing at Snakes and Ladders.

Can you sort the sentences into **past** progressive and **present** progressive tense and post them in the correct post box?

As an extra challenge, try to think of a sentence of your own that you could put into each post box.

The bird was building a nest.



The baby is crying.



My dog is doing tricks.



The children are voting for their favourite book.



The girl scouts were camping in a field.



We were cooking grandma a special meal.



Past
Progressive
Tense

Present
Progressive
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