

Wh-questions part 2 – present & past continuous

- a) Which **auxiliary verb** do we use in the present continuous and the past continuous?

be have do did will would

- b) Which **verb form** do we use in the present continuous and the past continuous after the auxiliary?

infinitive past past participle gerund -s form

- c) Copy these instructions and examples in your notebook.

How to ask wh-questions in the present & past continuous:

1. Begin your question with a wh-word or phrase that refers to the **unknown information**.
2. Put the **auxiliary verb** in front of the **subject**.

Present continuous: This ship's **sailing** to **Greece**.

Where's this ship **sailing** to?

Past continuous: The cook **was baking** a turkey.

What **was** the cook **baking**?

3. If the unknown information is the subject, use the same word order as in the affirmative structure (S + V):

My neighbours **are having** a garden party.

Who **is having** a garden party?

Pay attention to the subject: "who" is usually singular, so if the original subject is plural, you have to use "is" instead of "are".

d) Write wh-questions so that the underlined information is the answer.
Use these wh-words:

how, how many, how much, what, what time,
when, where, who, whose, why

1. We are reading a book about computers.
2. The teacher was copying the questions on the board.
3. Johnny and Janet were copying the class notes.
4. They were drawing a horse using a computer.
5. We are studying because we have an exam tomorrow.
6. I was making three sandwiches.
7. We're buying three bottles of wine. (Not "three bottles")
8. I'm getting up at half-past seven this week.
9. I'm going on holiday in July.
10. He's using his brother's compass.