

## Present Continuous or Past Continuous

# PRESENT

# PAST

# CONTINUOUS

**Subject + to be + base+ing**

**Subject + was / were + base+ing**

**Action that is going on at this moment**

*We are reading a Kura English post*

**Planned event or action in the future**

*I am going on holiday tomorrow*

**Temporary event or situation**

*It is snowing at the moment*

**Unfinished action in the past interrupted**

*I was watching TV when you called*

**Before and after a particular time**

*Last night at 10, I was writing a letter*

**Continued for some time**

*My tooth was aching*

Past

Now

Future



Past Continuous

Present Continuous

**Affirmative**

**Negative**

**Interrogative**

*You are playing*

*You are not playing*

*Are you playing?*

*You were playing*

*You were not playing*

*Were you playing?*

**Complete the following sentences using an appropriate present continuous or past continuous tense form.**

1. I ..... (water) the plants in the morning.
2. What ..... (you do) at 6 o'clock yesterday evening?
3. They ..... (wait) for the bus when the accident happened.
4. She ..... (get) impatient.
5. The boys ..... (play) in the garden.
6. It ..... (rain) cats and dogs.
7. I ..... (revise) my lessons now.
8. Somebody ..... (knock) at the door.

9. We ..... (wait) for the guests to turn up.
10. The students ..... (shout) slogans outside the campus.
11. The birds ..... (fly) in the sky.
12. John and Sandra ..... (expect) their first child.
13. I ..... (watch) a movie when the lights went out.
14. I ..... (prepare) dinner when the guests arrived.
15. A: 'Where are the kids?'  
B: ' ..... (play) in the garden.'
16. We ..... (wait) for them to come.
17. The guests ..... (wait) in the lobby last night.
18. It ..... (rain). We can't go out now.
19. The students ..... (study) for their exam.
20. The mother ..... (sleep) when the phone rang.