Reading Comprehension: Present Continuous

Target Level: Elementary / Pre-Intermediate (A2)

Reading Text

A Busy Saturday Afternoon

It is Saturday afternoon, and the Miller family is at home. Everyone is doing something different.

In the living room, Mr. Miller is reading the newspaper and drinking a cup of hot tea. Mrs. Miller is not reading; she is working in the garden. She is planting new red flowers and watering the plants because the weather is warm and sunny.

Their son, Lucas, is in his bedroom. He is studying for his English test, but he isn't writing anything right now. He is listening to music and talking to his friend on the phone. Their daughter, Emma, is in the kitchen. She is baking chocolate cookies for the family, and the kitchen smells delicious!

Even their dog, Max, is busy. He is running in the backyard and chasing a small yellow ball. Everyone is enjoying their Saturday afternoon.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is Mr. Miller doing in the living room?

a) He is watching TV and eating a snack.
b) He is reading the newspaper and drinking tea.
c) He is sleeping on the sofa.
d) He is talking to his wife.

2. Why is Mrs. Miller watering the plants in the garden?

a) Because it is raining heavily.
b) Because she wants to clean the garden.
c) Because the weather is warm and sunny.
d) Because Lucas is helping her.

3. What is Lucas doing in his bedroom?

a) He is writing an English essay.
b) He is playing video games with his friend.
c) He is sleeping and listening to music.
d) He is listening to music and talking on the phone.

4. What is Emma baking in the kitchen?

a) Chocolate cookies.
b) Apple pie.

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c) Vanilla cake.
d) Strawberry muffins.

5. What is Max, the dog, chasing in the backyard?

a) A cat.
b) A small yellow ball.
c) A big red ball.
d) A bird.

Teacher's Answer Key

Question	Correct Option
1	b) He is reading the newspaper and drinking tea.
2	c) Because the weather is warm and sunny.
3	d) He is listening to music and talking on the phone.
4	a) Chocolate cookies.
5	b) A small yellow ball.

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