

I. Grammar

**The past progressive tense (= past continuous tense)**

a. Watch the video of The Haunted House.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7tgtP4q-WM>

b. After watching the video complete the following:

What is the past progressive used for? Tick the correct answer.

The past progressive is used for finished actions in the past.	
The past progressive indicates that an action was going on in the past.	
The past progressive is used to express what is happening at the moment of speaking.	
The past progressive is used to say what is going to happen.	
The past progressive is used to predict the future.	



c. Complete the sentences about the story in The Haunted House.

The boy \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) his dog Max, while it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to get dark. They \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) past an old abandoned house when Max ran off and into the building. The boy called out to him, but Max didn't come back. The boy walked towards the house and went through the open door. He was scared. He \_\_\_\_\_ (look) for Max when he thought he saw a ghost. But when he walked closer, he saw it was just a white curtain that \_\_\_\_\_ (blow) in the wind. He \_\_\_\_\_ (call) Max's name when he heard a crash from one of the rooms. He was terrified. He \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the room when a black cat past him. Then he heard Max barking in the backyard. He \_\_\_\_\_ (dig\*) up bones in the garden. He \_\_\_\_\_ (dig) in a pet cemetery. So the boy grabbed Max's leash and ran home as fast as he could.

\* to dig - dug - dug ; digging = to make holes / cavar

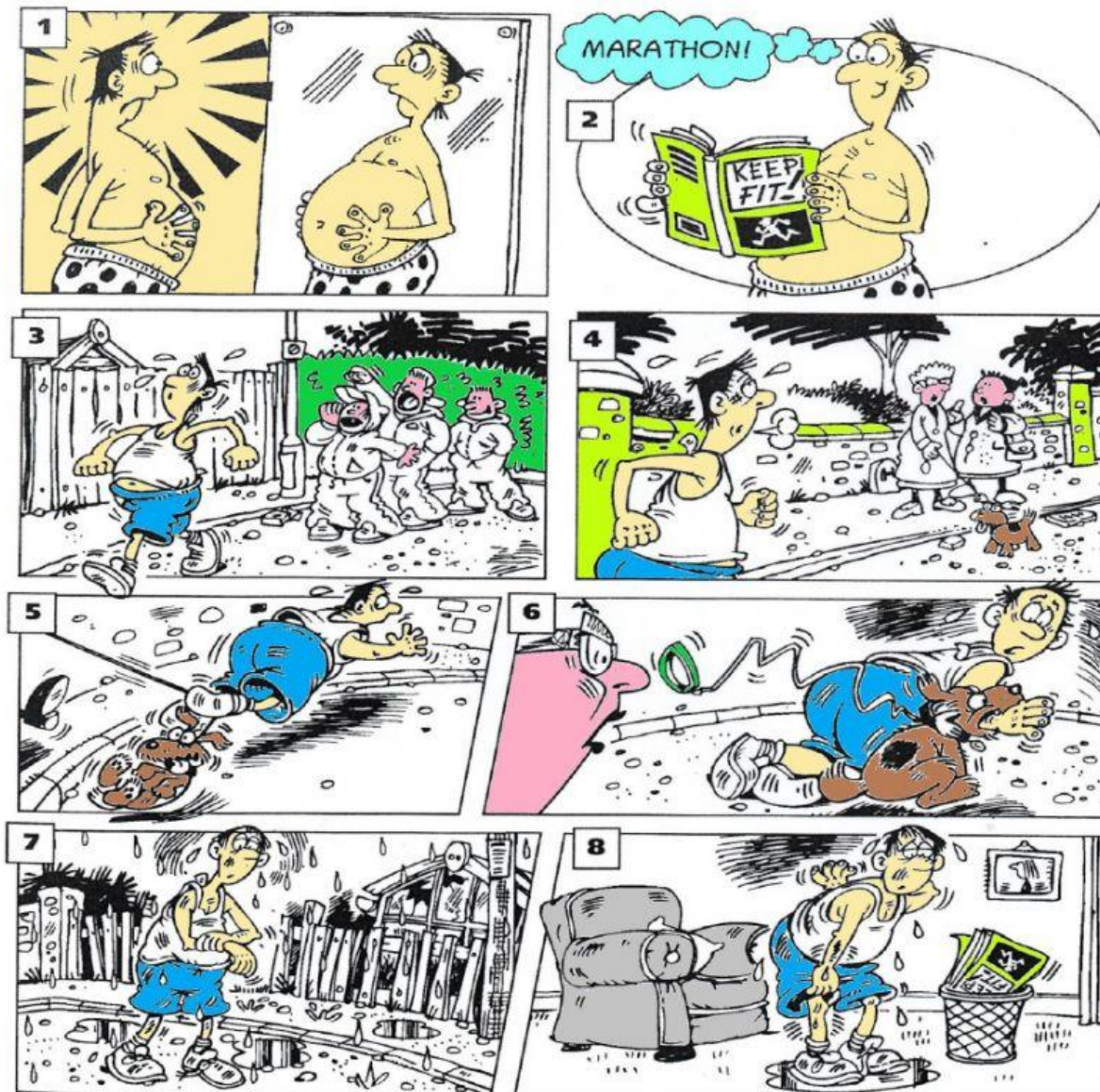
d. Complete the chart about the past progressive tense (past continuous tense):

I, he, she, it	+	_____	+ a verb ending in _____.
You, we, they	+	_____	+ a verb ending in _____.

## Fitness for ever!

Tony is overweight, but will jogging help him to get fit?

a. Look at the pictures carefully.



b. Now match the sentences that go with the pictures in the story, writing numbers 1-8 in the blanks. Then complete the gaps in the sentences with the past progressive tense.



	While he _____ (get up) the dog bit him. Its owner got very angry with Tony.
	He put on his shorts and running vest and started to run along the road. Some boys laughed at him because he _____ (run) too slowly.
	Tony looked at himself in the mirror. He was very overweight with a big stomach.
	He stood in his room feeling miserable. He was cold and wet and had a backache. He decided that exercise was too dangerous and threw his 'Keep Fit' book in the wastepaper bin!
	Two ladies _____ (talk) on the pavement. One of them had a big dog.
	He had a look at his 'Keep Fit' book and decided to take some exercise and go jogging.
	While he _____ (limp*) home it started to rain and he got very wet.
	Tony tripped over the dog's lead**.

\* to limp= to walk with difficulty / cojear

\*\* lead or leash = A dog's lead or leash is a long thin piece of leather or a chain, which you attach to the dog's collar so that you can keep the dog under control. / correa para perro

**c. Complete the text with the past progressive tense.**

What \_\_\_\_\_ Ben, Jake, Lucy and Lily \_\_\_\_\_ (to do) on 31st October, 2021?

They \_\_\_\_\_ (to prepare) their party. Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ (to buy) crisps.

Lily \_\_\_\_\_ (to organize) the music and \_\_\_\_\_ (to decorate) the living room.

Ben and Jake \_\_\_\_\_ (to fetch) chairs and tables.

\_\_\_\_\_ their parents \_\_\_\_\_

(to help) them? No, they \_\_\_\_\_ (not to help) them because they \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (to sit) in a plane on their way to Australia.

They \_\_\_\_\_ (to hope) to have some nice weather.