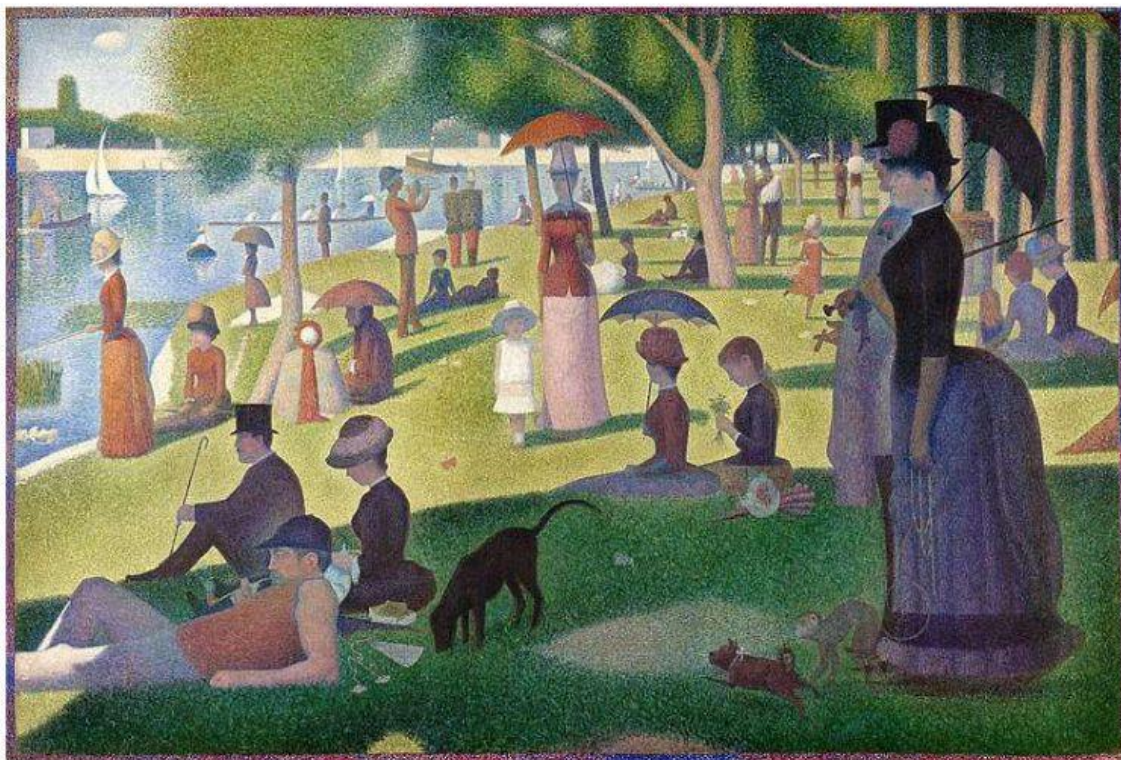


Present Continuous and Prepositions of Place



Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte, 1884-86, Georges Pierre Seurat

A. Look at the painting. Complete the sentences with these prepositions.

on the left | in | between | behind | in front of | next to

1. There are many people _____ the picture.
2. There are some boats _____ of the picture.
3. There are two small animals _____ the woman and man with an umbrella.
4. A small girl in a white dress is _____ the woman in the middle of the painting.
5. A black dog is _____ the man with a beard.
6. There is a woman _____ the two men sitting down.

B. Look at the painting again. Read the museum guide's description of it. Write the verbs in the present continuous.

As you can see, the sun 1. _____ (shine) in this picture, and the people 2. _____ (relax) by the river Seine in Paris. On the right of the picture, a man and a woman 3. _____ (walk) their dogs. On the left, a man 4. _____ (lie) on the grass. He looks like he 5. _____ (relax). In the middle of the picture, two girls 6. _____ (sit) down. What 7. _____ (they / do)? Maybe they 8. _____ (wait) for some friends? Or perhaps they 9. _____ (watch) the other people? On the right, near the trees, there is another girl. She 10. _____ (play), but we can't see who with.

C. Write sentences with the present continuous.

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| 1. John / wear a shirt today! (+) | 6. we / think of you at the moment (+) |
| 2. It's hot. Why / wear a coat (?) | 7. she / wear make-up (?) |
| 3. Anna / sit next to Jane today (-) | 8. they / make a big mistake (+) |
| 4. Hey! You / stand on my foot! (+) | 9. your mother / shop in town (?) |
| 5. what book / you read (?) | 10. she / live with her parents at the moment (-) |

