

Speak out Advanced

THE CONTINUOUS ASPECT

Extra Exercise: Describe an action following these instructions

1. *an action happening now:*

The builders _____ (mend) the roof

2. *an action not necessarily happening at the moment but occurring about this time:*

My husband _____ (rebuild) the garage.

3. *a future arranged action:*

I _____ (meet) John on Monday

4. *a frequently occurring action which annoys the speaker:*

She _____ (always, leave) the front door open.

5. *a temporary action:*

I _____ (currently, juggle) three jobs and a family.

6. *an action which began in the past and is still continuing, emphasizing duration:*

I _____ (expect) a call from my solicitor all day.

7. *a continuous past action:*

It _____ (snow) heavily all day yesterday, so I drove carefully.

8. *a frequently repeated action in the past:*

My old car _____ (always, break) down.

9. *an interrupted past action (first action interrupted by second):*

He _____ (race) down the freeway when a tire burst.

10. *two actions in the past occurring simultaneously:*

I _____ (clean) the windshield while they _____ (put) the luggage in the boot.