

# 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.*