PRESENT TENSES IN CONTEXT

Interactive Worksheet • Gerunds and Present Continuous • B1

Name:	Class:	Date:
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Learning goal

Identify whether an **-ing** form describes an action happening now (Present Continuous) or an activity in general (Gerund).

Remember

Present Continuous: am / is / are + verb-ing. It describes an action happening now or around the present time.
Gerund: verb-ing used as a noun. It can be the subject or object of a sentence and refers to an activity in general.

READ THE BLOG

Monday at School: A Busy Week!
Hi, everyone! My name is Alex, and this week is pretty busy. I usually arrive at school at 7:30, but today I am **walking** to school with my friend Mia because her bike is broken. We love **talking** about music on the way. At the moment, our English teacher is **explaining** a new project, and I am **taking** notes carefully. After class, some students are **practising** for the school festival. I enjoy **singing**, but I am not **performing** this year. Instead, I am **helping** my classmates with the decorations. For me, **working** as a team makes school more enjoyable. What are you doing this week?

PART A — CHOOSE THE FUNCTION (Items 1–6)

For each bold -ing word from the blog, choose the correct option: **PC** = Present Continuous (an action in progress) or **G** = Gerund (an activity in general). In Liveworksheets, these can be set as dropdowns.

1. walking — Alex is doing this action now / around this time.
Answer: [Choose: PC / G]

2. talking — This is an activity Alex and Mia enjoy in general.
Answer: [Choose: PC / G]

3. explaining — The teacher is doing this action at the moment.
Answer: [Choose: PC / G]

4. singing — This is an activity Alex enjoys in general.
Answer: [Choose: PC / G]

5. performing — Alex says this is not an activity he is doing this year.
Answer: [Choose: PC / G]

6. working — This activity is described as something that makes school enjoyable.
Answer: [Choose: PC / G]

PART B — MATCH THE SENTENCE TO ITS FUNCTION (Items 7–10)

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Match each sentence (7–10) with the correct explanation (A–D). In Liveworksheets, add a matching exercise by connecting each sentence to one explanation.

7. My brother is studying for his maths test right now.	**A.** An -ing form is the subject of the sentence.
8. Reading before bed helps me relax.	**B.** An action is in progress around the present time.
9. We are preparing posters for the festival this week.	**C.** An activity is the subject of the sentence.
10. Playing basketball is my favourite activity.	**D.** An action is happening at this moment.

Write your matches: 7 → ____ 8 → ____ 9 → ____ 10 → ____

Check your work: Ask yourself whether the -ing form names an activity or forms part of am / is / are + verb-ing.

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