

Progressive Forms of Verbs

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What are *progressive verbs*?

Progressive verbs

Show that an action is **ongoing**.

There are 3 types:

1. Present
2. Past
3. Future

Present Progressive

Form shows ongoing action that is still happening when the words are written.

To form the present progressive, use the helping verb *am*, *is*, or *are* with the *-ing* of the main verb.

Examples:

I **am** *studying* about different periods in art.

Our teacher **is** *explaining* how an art movement begins.

Beth and Tom **are** *looking* at a painting from the Impressionist art period.

Helping verbs: **am**, **is**, **are**

Verbs: studying, explaining, looking

Past Progressive

Form shows ongoing action that was happening until another action occurred.

To form the past progressive, use the helping verb *was* or *were* with the *-ing* form of the main verb.

Examples:

The Librarian **was** *arranging* the books as we entered.

We **were** *reading* when the books started to fall.

Helping verbs: **was**, **were**

Verbs: *arranging*, *reading*

Future Progressive

Form shows ongoing action that will happen in the future.

To form the future progressive, use the helping verb *will be* with the *-ing* form of the main verb.

Example:

Our class **will be** discussing Impressionism this week.

Will be- helping verb

Discussing- verb

Practice:

Underline the progressive form of the verb in each sentence.

1. We are learning about different forms of art.
2. Our art teacher was showing us different ways to hold a paintbrush when the bell rang.
3. We will be painting our own landscapes this week.
4. I am going to the pond near my house to draw.

Answers:

If you underlined:

1. We are learning about different forms of art. (present)
2. Our art teacher was showing us different ways to hold a paintbrush when the bell rang. (past)
3. We will be painting our own landscapes this week. (future)
4. I am going to the pond near my house to draw. (present)

You're right!