

Revision Card – Progressive Tense

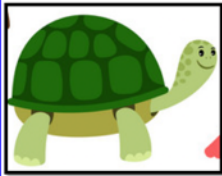
The progressive form is continuous.

It suggests that the action **progresses**, for a period of time,

Tom's tortoise *was waiting* for his lettuce.

or **progresses** at the time something else happens or happened.

Tom's tortoise *was waiting* when he saw the lawnmower.



This can be in the **present** (happening now)

WOW!
It missed me!

or in the **past** (happened then).

Progressive form of **verbs**: present and past progressive

Past progressive

He *was walking*

She *was running*

The dog *was whining*

We *were listening*



Present

He *walks*

She *runs*

The dog *whines*

We *listen*

Present progressive

He *is walking*

She *is running*

The dog *is whining*

We *are listening*



Progressive form of **verbs**: past progressive

leap

Think of a sentence which shows that the children *did* this **verb** for a while.

The children *leapt*.

The children *were leaping*.



This **past progressive** form shows the action **continued** for a while.

Hint: use *were*

Can you use past progressive form?

The children were leaping about when the teacher opened the classroom door.

To make **verbs** progressive:

- Add one of... *is, are, am, was, were*
- Use *-ing* participle of the **verb**



Present progressive

Past progressive

She *makes* a mess.

She *is making* a mess.

She *was making* a mess.

auxiliary verb indicates the tense

He *chirps* softly.

He *is chirping* softly.

He *was chirping* softly.

They *fly* around.

They *are flying* around.

They *were flying* around.

Progressive Tense Practice

Under each present tense sentence, write the present progressive and past progressive versions. The first has been done for you.

She kicks the ball.

She is kicking the ball. (Present Progressive)

She was kicking the ball. (Past Progressive)

He bakes a cake.

They write a story.

He plays games.

We sing a song.

They run a race.