

PROGRESSIVE TENSE VERBS

Digital & Printable Cloze Reading Passages

YOU'LL GET . . .

- 10 Printable Passages with Answer Keys
- 10 Digital Passages with Answer Key



GREAT FOR . . .

Grammar Review * Independent Practice * Centers Activity * Test Prep

Last summer, my friends and I _____ a treehouse in my backyard. For weeks, we _____ up and down the tree, carrying wood and tools. Even my little sister _____! This week, we _____ some final touches to our treehouse, like decorations and a rope ladder. My friend, Max, _____ a sign and I _____ curtains to cover the window. In just a few days, we _____ everyone over for a grand opening party, and we _____ all of our hard work! I hope we will _____ cake too!

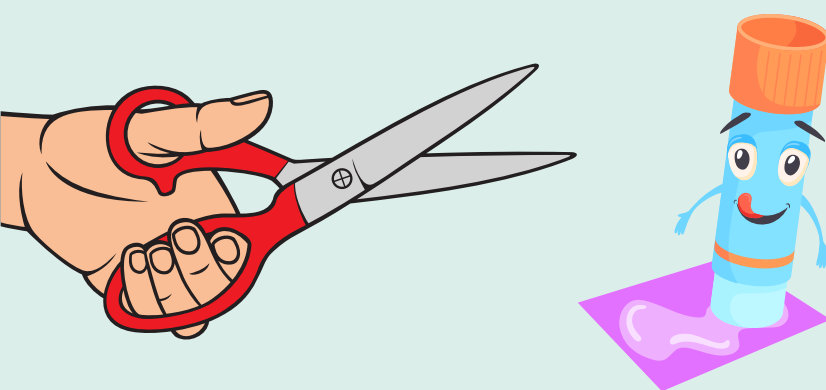
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is making	will be inviting	am sewing
will be celebrating	were climbing	will be eating

Directions: Use the drop-down boxes to add the correct progressive verb to the passage. Each verb can check off each verb in the word bank as you use it.

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SAME PASSAGES!

Easy Prep!

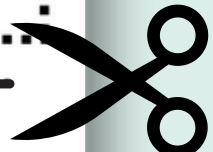


No Time to Prep?
No supplies?
No worries!

Kids write in
answers instead

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backyard. For weeks, we _____ up and down the tree,
carrying wood and tools. Even my little sister _____! This
week, we _____ some final touches to our treehouse, like
decorations and a rope ladder. My friend, Max, _____ a sign
and I _____ curtains to cover the window. In just a few days,
we _____ everyone over for a grand opening party, and we
_____ all of our hard work! I hope we will
_____ cake too!

were building	are adding	was helping
is making	will be inviting	am sewing
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Grammar is **FUN** when it
is Tactile, Kinesthetic,
& Collaborative

And revising answers
is fast & easy

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PRO Tip: Underline context clues

Weather is always changing, and it affects our daily lives. Right now, the sun _____ brightly, and birds _____ in the trees. Many kids _____ outside, enjoying the warm day. Yesterday, it _____, and my friends _____ indoors. We _____ time. Next week, we _____ weather is sunny and nice! _____ and everyone _____ to change our plans.

2 DIFFICULTY LEVELS

will be bringing

were reading

was raining

are planning

are playing

will be having

is shining

are singing

were staying

All 9 progressive and helping verb answer choices will be used.

Use context clues for support.

Weather is always changing, and it affects our daily lives. Right now, the sun _____ shining brightly, and birds _____ singing in the trees. Many kids _____ playing outside, enjoying the warm day. Yesterday, it _____ raining, and my friends _____ staying indoors. We _____ tries to pass the time. Next _____ mark. I hope the weather is _____ iches and fruit, and _____ though, we might have to change our plans.

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is

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will be

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were

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will be

was

were

is

am

are

will be

18 helping verbs included

Must use context clues to determine past, present, or future tense

NEED A 3RD DIFFICULTY LEVEL?

Remove answer choices entirely!

Weather is always changing, and it affects our daily lives. Right now, the sun _____ brightly, and birds _____ in the trees. Many kids _____ outside, enjoying the warm day. Yesterday, it _____, and my friends _____ indoors. We _____ books and watching movies to pass the time. Next week, we _____ a picnic in the park. I hope the weather is sunny and nice! We _____ sandwiches and fruit, and everyone _____ fun. If it rains, though, we might have to change our plans.

~~will be playing~~	~~were reading~~	~~is raining~~
~~are planning~~	~~play~~	~~will be having~~
~~is shining~~	~~are singing~~	~~were staying~~

TURN INTO A SELF-CHECKING ACTIVITY

Hide answer key
under desks,
in books, etc.

Treehouse

Last summer, my friends and I **were building** a treehouse in my backyard. For weeks, **we were climbing** up and down the tree, **bringing** wood and tools. Even my little sister **was helping**! This week, we **are adding** some final touches to our treehouse, like **hanging** a rope ladder. My friend, Jack, **is making** a sign and I **am sewing** curtains for the window. In just a few days, **we will be inviting** everyone over for a grand opening party, and we **will be celebrating** all of our hard work! I hope we will **be eating** cake too!

Easy student directions

Check Off Answers
in the Word Bank

Directions: Use the drop-down boxes to add the correct progressive verb to the passage. Each verb will only be used once. You must check off each verb in the word bank as you use it.

Camping	Word Bank
A few weeks ago, my family Select progressive verb in the forest. We Select progressive verb and lots of other neat features. That night, my dad Select progressive verb marshmallows by the campfire while we all sat Select progressive verb going to sleep. It was a lot fun. This weekend, we Select progressive verb camping again, but this time, we Select progressive verb us! Mom says she Select progressive verb can play together. We Select progressive verb Select progressive verb last night using our new tent. Select progressive verb the same place to explore. Select progressive verb	☐ are going ☐ will be stargazing ☐ was roasting ☐ will be inviting ☐ were hiking ☐ is bringing ☐ was camping ☐ are planning ☐ will be returning

Drop down box with answer choices

 Answer Key Slideshow 

 Answer Keys 

 Camping 

 Class Play 

 Exploring Space 

 Science Fair 

 Soccer 

 Sunken Ship 

 Teacher Directions & TOU.pdf 

 Treehouse 

 Video Games 

 Weather 

 Zoo 

1 Reading Passage per Google Doc

Assign to students through Google Classroom or similar program

CUSTOMIZE FOR DIFFERENTIATION

Change the . . .

- Font
- Text Size
- Page Color
- Passage Length
- Passage Complexity

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2 ANSWER KEY OPTIONS

Weather

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PROGRESSIVE
VERB TENSE

SCOOT TASK CARDS

Accord
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Past Progressive

was serving

She _____
sweater

Present Progressive

was wearing

Next month, she _____
to Hawaii for her vacation.

Future Progressive

will be traveling

traveled

will traveled

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Appositive
Phrases

A Cloze
Activity

10
PASSAGES

Last Tuesday, a powerful earthquake struck and devastated our small town, _____. The ground trembled like jello, shaking houses, schools, and even Fresh Mart, _____. The earthquake, _____, caused chaos and fear among the people. The trembling, _____, sent everyone running outside with eyes wide open. The roads, _____, made it difficult to escape. The buildings, _____, swayed dangerously back and forth. The earthquake, _____, left a trail of destruction behind. Everything, _____, sustained damage. Despite the chaos, our small community, _____, rallied together to rebuild their beloved town.

including our middle school	fractured like a maze of cracks	our local grocery store
like a gigantic rollercoaster	like a thief in the night	the city of Echo Valley
towering giants	a tightly-knit family	a force of nature