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Present Continuous Exercises

Part 1: The sentences on the bottom follow those on the top. Write the letter of the sentence that comes after each numbered sentence.

1. I am extremely busy. \_\_d.\_\_\_
2. They have been busy in the laboratory all afternoon. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why is Sarah playing the piano? \_\_\_\_\_
4. We aren’t going to Biology class at 9 o’clock. \_\_\_\_\_
5. She looks very focused right now. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Why are they talking so quietly? \_\_\_\_\_
7. The construction workers have a new project this week. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Danny is covered in paint! \_\_\_\_\_
9. They’ve been out on the field for three hours already. \_\_\_\_\_
10. I am worried about the many different kinds of species that might go extinct in the future. \_\_\_\_\_
11. They are preparing a surprise party for their friend's birthday.
12. He is working on a project for his art class.
13. The soccer team is training hard for the upcoming tournament.
14. I am currently studying for my upcoming exams.
15. The students are participating in a science fair this week.
16. She is practicing for her recital tomorrow.
17. We are watching a documentary about wildlife conservation in class.
18. We are attending a school assembly this morning.
19. Ms. Simmons is explaining a complex math problem to the class.
20. They are building a new playground at the park.

Part 2: Write a question using the words given. Use the present continuous tense.

1. Is the swim team competing in the meet today?

(swim team / compete / in the meet / today)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(volunteers / clean up / the park / right now)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(they / discuss /environmental issues / in the classroom)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(the school / organize / a field trip / next week)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(she / participate / school debate competition)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(the teacher / grade / tests / at the moment)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Greg / practice / the guitar / for the talent show)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(the actors / rehearse / for the play / tomorrow)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(you / study / for the upcoming test)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Cindy / write / an essay / for English class)

Part 3: Circle the correct answer. Use the present continuous tense.

1. The chef \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a delicious meal in the kitchen.
2. are busy preparing b. is busy preparing

c. busy are preparing d. preparing is busy

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a fascinating art exhibition at the museum, so they won’t be home until later this afternoon.
2. They are attending b. He is attending

c. They is attending d. I am attending

1. The athletes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rigorously for the upcoming competition.
2. Is training b. is train

c. will be train d. are training

1. All the employees of Acme Incorporated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a team-building workshop this week.
2. is participating b. are participating

c. are participated d. is participated

1. Joy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her book report that is due next week.
2. are finished b. is finished

c. are finishing d. is finishing

1. The team \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ideas for a new marketing campaign.
2. is brainstorming b. has brainstorming

c. is brainstormed d. are brainstormed

1. Mark and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their routine for the dance show.
2. is practicing b. is practiced

c. are practicing d. are practiced

1. Ms. Hanson \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a difficult concept to her students right now, but only a few of them understand it.
2. are explaining b. is explained

c. was explaining d. is explaining

1. Candace isn’t here. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a movie at the movie theater with her friends.
2. are watching b. is watching

c. is watched d. are watched

1. A group of hikers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the beautiful trails in the mountains.
2. are explored b. is explored

c. is exploring d. has exploring

Part 4: Look around you. Write three things that are happening right now.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_