

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS

**Exercise 1: Put the verbs in the parenthesis in the correct form.**

Mary and Sam go to the same school. Like everyday, now they (wait) \_\_\_\_\_ for the bus. The bus is late. Sam (show) \_\_\_\_\_ Mary his homework. The bus is here. They (get) \_\_\_\_\_ on the bus. It is not crowded. They (sit) \_\_\_\_\_ behind the driver; Sam takes the window seat. They get to school. Now they (get) \_\_\_\_\_ off the bus. Mary is a year younger than Sam. She (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to her class, Sam to his. In the class, Sam's friends (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ about the new cartoon they watched on television the night before. They all love cartoons. The teacher comes in. Today she (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ about addition and subtraction. Mary's teacher (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ about reading.

After school, they take the bus and go home. Then their mother gives them a snack. Sam (eat) vanilla ice cream and Mary (have) a chocolate cookie.

**Exercise 2: Put the words in the parentheses in the correct form. Some of these sentences are negatives or yes/no questions.**

1. (The teacher, explain) the present continuous to the class now?
2. (The patient, fill) \_\_\_\_\_ out a form at the hospital.
3. Did you hear that? I think (the baby cry) \_\_\_\_\_
4. (Tom, write, not) \_\_\_\_\_ his research paper
5. (Jane's husband, take) \_\_\_\_\_ a trip to Tokyo?
6. I know you want to carry everything quickly, but (this box, get) \_\_\_\_\_ heavier and heavier.
7. (I, check, not) \_\_\_\_\_ the oil in my car now because the car's engine is too hot. I will check it later when the engine is cold.
8. Bob lost a lot of money in the stock market, so (he, drive, not) \_\_\_\_\_ his dream car. He is very sad.
9. (My secretary copy) \_\_\_\_\_ the forms for you.
10. (I, listen) \_\_\_\_\_ to music on my new CD player.
11. (She, clean) \_\_\_\_\_ her room because (her friend, come) \_\_\_\_\_ from Boston to visit her.
12. (She, swim, not) \_\_\_\_\_ right now because the lifeguards won't let anyone go in the water.

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## Answer Key

Mary and Sam go to the same school. Like everyday, now they (wait) are waiting for the bus. The bus is late. Sam (show) is showing Mary his homework. The bus is here. They (get) are getting on the bus. It is not crowded. They (sit) are sitting behind the driver; Sam takes the window seat. They get to school. Now they (get) are getting off the bus. Mary is a year younger than Sam. She (go) is going to her class, Sam to his. In the class, Sam's friends (talk) are talking about the new cartoon they watched on television the night before. They all love cartoons. The teacher comes in. Today she (talk) is talking about addition and subtraction. Mary's teacher (talk) is talking about reading.

After school, they take the bus and go home. Then their mother gives them a snack. Sam (eat) vanilla ice cream and Mary (have) a chocolate cookie.

***Exercise 2: Put the words in the parentheses in the correct form. Some of these sentences are negatives or yes/no questions.***

1. (The teacher, explain) Is the teacher explaining the present continuous to the class now?
2. The patient, fill) The patient is filling out a form at the hospital.
3. Did you hear that? I think (the baby cry) the baby is crying
4. (Tom, write, not) Tom is not writing his research paper
5. (Jane's husband, take) Jane's husband is taking a trip to Tokyo?
6. I know you want to carry everything quickly, but (this box, get) this box is getting heavier and heavier.
7. (I, check, not) I am checking the oil in my car now because the car's engine is too hot. I will check it later when the engine is cold.
8. Bob lost a lot of money in the stock market, so (he, drive, not) He is not driving his dream car. He is very sad.
9. (My secretary copy) My secretary is copying the forms for you.
10. (I, listen) I am listening to music on my new CD player.
11. (She, clean) she is cleaning her room because (her friend, come) her friend is coming from Boston to visit her.
12. (She, swim, not) She is not swimming right now because the lifeguards won't let anyone go in the water.