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The present progressive tense of a verb shows that an action is in progress. The action is happening now and will continue for a period of time.

Subject	Helping Verb	Main Verb + <i>ing</i>
Lee	is	shopping for a new coat.
I	am	shopping for new shoes.

Underline the present progressive verb in each sentence.

- Shoppers are waiting for the store to open.
- The manager is unlocking the door.
- Everyone is hoping for a bargain!
- I am searching for shoes for the party.
- Chris is unfolding a green sweater.
- I am paying for these shoes.
- These new shoes are pinching my feet!
- You are stepping on my toe!

Write two sentences with verbs in the present progressive tense.

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The tense of the verb indicates when the action happens.

- **Present Tense:** is happening now or happens regularly
I **call** my friend Jenny almost every day.
- **Present Progressive Tense:** is happening now and continuing for a period of time
The phone **is ringing**.
- **Past Tense:** has happened before now and is over
Jenny **left** a message for me yesterday.
- **Future Tense:** will happen sometime after now
I **will call** her back later.

Fill in the blank with the verb in the correct tense for the sentence.
Write the name of the tense.

1. Jenny always _____ me after school. (call) _____
2. Yesterday we _____ about a school assignment. (talk) _____
3. We _____ together on an ongoing project. (work) _____
4. Our class _____ in the science fair. (participate) _____
5. Next month, Dr. Tilton _____ prizes to the best projects. (award) _____
6. She _____ science. (teach) _____
7. Last week, Dr. Tilton _____ us about viruses and bacteria. (teach) _____
8. My friend Jenny _____ a career as a doctor. (want) _____
9. Dr. Tilton always _____ Jenny to study hard. (encourage) _____
10. Someday, Jenny _____ surgery. (perform) _____

It is important to stay with the same verb tense unless there is a good reason to change tenses.

Incorrect Brad **writes** for the school newspaper. He **will write** a story every month.

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Incorrect Last month, Brad **reported** on cafeteria food. Next month, he **reported** on the computer lab.

Correct Last month, Brad **reported** on cafeteria food. Next month, he **will report** on the computer lab.

Underline the verb in the first sentence. Fill in the blank in the second sentence with the correct tense of the verb in parentheses ().

1. Brad reports on school events. Mia _____ photographs for the paper. (take)
2. The story on the cafeteria was entertaining. It _____ all the menus. (cover)
3. Brad named "crumble burger" the worst dish. He _____ it "icky." (call)
4. I like the turkey burgers. The cafeteria _____ them once a month. (serve)
5. The school paper will run a story on the library next. I _____ it. (write)
6. I am writing about library fines. Next year, the library _____ fines. (raise)
7. That is a good idea. The fines _____ too low now. (be)
8. People often return books late. Higher fines _____ late returns. (discourage)

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Verbs may be in the active or passive voice.

- A verb is in the active voice if the subject does the action.

Keli **writes** in her notebook.

Jade **pitied** the sick dog.

- A verb is in the passive voice if the subject does not do the action. A verb in the passive voice uses a form of the verb *to be* (*am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been*).

The notebook **was written** in by Keli.

The sick dog **was pitied** by Jade.

Underline the verb in the sentence. Circle whether the sentence is active or passive.

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| 1. Last Saturday, the attic was cleaned by us. | active | passive |
| 2. In a large trunk, we found old-fashioned clothes. | active | passive |
| 3. Grace lifted a leather jacket from the trunk. | active | passive |
| 4. Rob snapped some red suspenders. | active | passive |
| 5. The findings are examined by everyone today. | active | passive |
| 6. The yellowed pages of a cookbook are turned by Alice. | active | passive |
| 7. A typewriter is examined by Dorothy. | active | passive |
| 8. She taps lightly on the keys. | active | passive |

Choose two sentences written in the passive voice. Rewrite them in the active voice.

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A subject and a verb must agree in number. A singular subject requires a singular verb, and a plural subject requires a plural verb.

Incorrect A cat show judge **hold** a squirming kitten.
The girls **holds** ribbons in their hands.

Correct A cat show judge **holds** a squirming kitten.
The girls **hold** ribbons in their hands.

Circle the correct form of the verb. Write *singular* or *plural* after the sentence.

1. Cat shows attracts/attract many pet owners. _____

2. I enters/enter my cat in the house pet category. _____

3. Special breeds competes/compete in a different category. _____

4. A judge gently displays/display a cat's bushy tail. _____

5. My cat yawns/yawn as she waits her turn. _____

Write the correct present tense form of the verb in parentheses ().

6. The Siamese cat _____ in her cage. (stretch)

7. The judge _____ the cat with a feather toy. (tempt)

8. The toy _____ the cat's alertness. (test)

9. Long-haired cats _____ lots of fur. (shed)

10. Judges _____ ribbons to the cats' cages. (attach)

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Every verb must agree in number with its subject.

- A subject with two parts joined by *and* is called a compound subject. A compound subject takes a plural verb.

Amy and Aaron **study** together.

- When the verb includes a main verb and a helping verb, the helping verb must agree in number with the subject.

Aaron **is studying** history. Amy and Aaron **are studying** history.

Rewrite each sentence, correcting the mistake in subject-verb agreement.

1. Nicholas and Alexandra was rulers of Russia.

2. Aaron are writing a report on Russia.

3. He and Amy looks for books at the library.

4. Amy are looking for a book about Tibet.

5. Tibet and China is two countries Amy would like to visit.
