

Subject: There is no time like the Present... Continuous Tense**I. In which of these sentences is Present Continuous used to express annoyance?**

- She's always complaining! What a party pooper.
- Tim is always making everybody's day, no matter how bad it's going.
- He's forever talking about his achievements. Who cares?
- Even if things are not going smoothly, Ada is constantly making everybody smile with her compliments.
- Tony's regularly reminding me of my unfinished tasks. As if I didn't know!

Answer Key: a; c; e

II. Re-write the sentences below using the be being structure.

- She's nice to me today. I bet she wants something from me.
- You're acting weird! What's going on?
- You're awfully quiet. Is everything fine?
- They're mean. Have I done something wrong?
- You're silly. What does it have to do with anything?

Answer Key: a. She's being nice to me today; b. You're being weird; c. You're being awfully quiet; d. They're being mean; e. You're being silly

III. In which of these sentences is Present Continuous used incorrectly? Where you find a mistake - correct it.

- I'm loving pasta! I've enjoyed it since I was a wee lad.
- I'm having dinner with Jess right now. Call me later.
- What do you mean we should take the tube? I'm having a car.
- Best vacation ever. I'm loving it here.
- I'm thinking of refurbishing the living room.
- My headset was muted for a moment, but I'm hearing you now.

Answer Key: a. I love pasta; c. I have a car; f. ... I hear you now

IV. Rewrite the responses using Present Continuous to express refusal.

- a. – I think we should watch Barbie.
– I don't want to watch Barbie!
- b. – Would you like to go to the prom with me?
– I won't go with you!
- c. – You should take my car.
– I'm afraid to get into this hunk of junk.
- d. – I'd recommend taking the extra insurance.
– I don't need to take it.
- e. – I want you to repeat the sentence ten times.
– I don't feel like repeating that.

Answer Key: a. I'm not watching Barbie; b. I'm not going with you; c. I'm not getting into this hunk of junk; d. I'm not taking it; e. I'm not repeating that

V. Write positive sentences in present continuous using the verbs in brackets.

- a. Maria (get) a new bicycle this week.
- b. I (become) better and better at swimming!
- c. I (think) of moving to Rome.
- d. She always (ask) unnecessary questions.
- e. They (taste) the main course.
- f. You currently (stand) still.

Answer Key: a. Maria is getting a new bicycle this week; b. I'm becoming better and better at swimming; c. I'm thinking of moving to Rome; d. She's always asking unnecessary questions; e. They're tasting the main course; f. You're currently standing still

VI. Write questions to the answers.

- g. I'm leaving at 9pm.
- h. They're moving to Warsaw.
- i. I'm feeling fine.
- j. Lisa's thinking of dying her hair.
- k. I'm early, because I took a shortcut.
- l. I'm bringing Sam and Andrew.

Answer Key: a. What time are you leaving?; b. Where are they moving to?; c. How are you feeling?; d. What is Lisa thinking of?; e. Why are you early?; f. Who are you bringing?