

Actividad: **CONTINUOUS VERB TENSES**

OBJETIVOS

- Learn which verbs can't be used in the continuous tenses

DURACIÓN

50 minutos aproximadamente

EDAD ADECUADA

Actividad orientada para niñ@s a partir de 7 años

MATERIAL

- You can either print this worksheet or do the exercises in another sheet aside

THEORY: VERBS THAT CAN'T BE USED IN THE CONTINUOUS TENSES

SENSE VERBS

- Feel - Hear - See -Smell - Taste

- Involuntary/ stative:

I see you

It smells like you are cooking something

~~*I'm seeing you*~~

~~*It is smelling like you are cooking something*~~

- Voluntary / Active

I am seeing you later right?

I'm testing the soup to see if it is as good as it smells.

EMOTIVE VERBS

- believe (creer) - dislike (no gustar) - doubt (dudar)
- imagine (imaginar) - know (saber, conocer) - like (gustar)
- love (encantar, amar) - prefer (preferir) - realize (dar cuenta)
- recognize (reconocer) - remember (recordar, acordarse)
- suppose (suponer) - think (creer) - wish (esperar)
- want (querer) - hate (odiar)
- understand (entender, comprender)

You're lying. I don't believe you!

Don't worry, he understands you.

~~*You're lying. I am not believing you!*~~

~~*Don't worry, he is understanding you.*~~

STATIVE OR ABSTRACT VERBS

- be (ser, estar) - cost (costar) - seem (parecer) - need (necesitar)
- care (importar) - contain (contener) - exist (existir)

I am ill → ~~I am being ill~~

David need a new car → ~~David is needing a new car~~

Cigarettes cost 5 euros now → ~~Cigarettes are costing 5 euros now~~

I don't care if you don't like it , you are going to eat it! → ~~I am not caring if you are not liking it, you are going to eat it!~~

Normalmente **'to be'** es un verbo estático pero Podemos usarlo también para hablar del **comportamiento**:

- *You are silly / Eres tonto*
- *You are being silly / Te estás comportando como un tonto*

POSSESSIVE VERBS

- belong (pertenecer) - have (tener) - possess (poseer)
- own (poseer)

Ann owned a house when she lived in New York → ~~Ann was owning a house when she lived in New York~~

That belongs to me! → ~~That is belonging to me!~~

Cuando usamos **“to have”** para referirnos a algo que poseemos (una cosa, una cantidad, etc.), no podemos usarlo en el tiempo continuo. Pero si es **parte de una expresión, podemos usarlo en el continuo.**

➤ *I have a car → ~~I am having a car~~*

➤ *I'm having dinner right now → ~~I have dinner right now~~*

COMMUNICATION VERBS

- Agree (acordar) - Disagree (No estar de acuerdo) - Please (agradar)
- Astonish (Asombrar) - Impress (Impresionar) - Promise (prometer)
- Deny (Negar) - Mean (Significar) - Satisfy (satisfacer)
- Surprise (sorprender)

I disagree, I think it's a great idea. / ~~I am disagreeing, I am thinking it's a great idea.~~

You surprised me! / ~~You were surprising me!~~

I) Choose the right answer

1. Which of the following cannot be used in the continuous verb tense?
 - a) Walk
 - b) want
 - c) take
 - d) start
2. Which of the following cannot be used in the continuous verb tense?
 - A) Run
 - B) Live
 - C) work
 - D) like
3. Which of the following cannot be used in the continuous verb tense?
 - a) Teach
 - b) understand
 - c) make
 - d) do
4. Which of the following cannot be used in the continuous verb tense?
 - a) Go
 - b) talk
 - c) remember
 - d) learn
5. Which of the following cannot be used in the continuous verb tense?
 - a) Know
 - b) meet
 - c) give
 - d) get

6. Which of the following cannot be used in the continuous verb tense?
- a) Use
 - b) have
 - c) try
 - d) prefer
7. Which of the following cannot be used in the continuous verb tense?
- a) Doubt
 - b) speak
 - c) do
 - d) play
8. Which of the following cannot be used in the continuous verb tense?
- a) Study
 - b) suppose
 - c) work
 - d) give

2) Choose the right answer

1. _____ that noise?
- a) Do you hear
 - b) Are you hearing
2. He _____ to study in the morning
- a) prefers
 - b) is preferring
3. She _____ the answer to the question
- a) knows
 - b) is knowing

4. My mon _____ a cake right now

a) makes

b) is making

5. You _____ to clean your room today

a) need

b) are needing

SOLUTIONS

1) Choose the right answer

1. Want
2. Like
3. Understand
4. Remember
5. Know
6. Prefer
7. Doubt
8. Suppose

2) Choose the right answer

1. Do you hear
2. Prefers
3. Knows
4. Is making
5. Need