

Exercise (01)--Circle the correct verb forms.

1 I think / am thinking we're going to be late.

2 Look - it snows / it\ snowing.

3 Do you look / Are you looking for the bus station?

4 I don't understand / am not understanding this application form at all.

5 Do you know / Are you knowing whether they take dollars here?

6 What do you want I are you wanting?

7 I hate / am hating this programme.

8 Why do you drive / are you driving on the wrong side of the road?

9 Who do you look / are you looking at?

10 I don't remember / am not remembering why I came into the kitchen.

Exercise (02)-- Put in I'll or I'm going to.

1. I' ve decided. take a week off

2. 'Is Alice coming round?' 'Wait a minute. ... phone and ask her.'

3. 'I've left my money at home.' Again? OK.....pay.

4. 'Do you want to go for a walk?' 'No, get some work done.'

5. 'I've got a headache I get you an aspirin.'

6. sell this car-it's giving me nothing but trouble.

7. Can you answer the phone if it rings? ... have a shower.

8. change my job soon.

9. 'There the doorbell! :..... go.

Exercise (03)—Circle the best form.

1. Emma is going/will have a baby.

2. Perhaps I'm going to / I'll see you at the weekend.

3. Look at the sky: it's going to / it will snow.

4. Look out - we're going to / we'll hit that car.

5. Ask John - he's probably going to / he'll probably know the answer.

6. You'd better put a coat on, or you're going to / you'll get cold.

7. If you press this key, the computer is going to / will shut down.

8. You can see from Barbara's face that there\ going to / there'll be trouble.

9. It's no use telling Andy about your problems; he\ going to / he'll tell everybody else.

Exercise (04)--Choose the best tense.

1. The film ends/ will end at midnight.

2. I phone / will phone you soon.

3. The train isn't direct - you change / will change at Manchester.

4. I start / will start dieting after Christmas.

5. My final exam is / will be in May.

6. Rob comes / is coming round after 7.00.
7. 7 What time does / will the concert start?
8. Do you / Will you post my letters?
9. I play / am playing hockey tomorrow.
10. I have / will have a French class at 9.00 tomorrow.

Exercise (05)-- Correct the mistakes or write 'Correct'.

- > Penguins ~~aren't flying~~...do not fly.
- > Nobody's listening to me.Correct.....
- 1 'What do you write?' A report for the Managing Director.'
- 2 I'm thinking this is the wrong address.
- 3 Why is that man jumping up and down?
- 4 Iron is melting at 1536".
- 5 How do your tai-chi lessons go?
- 6 We're seeing a lot of Peter and Susan just now.....
- 7 He's always criticising!.....
- 8 It's saying in today's paper that the pilots are going on strike'.....
- 9 'Is it going to snow?' 'I'm doubting it!'
- 10 Julie's not feeling very well today'
- 11 This cheese is tasting funny.
- 12 I'm not working next Friday.'
- 13 We should leave now if we're to catch the train.'
- 14 Will you be seeing Edward when you're in Glasgow?
- 15 This time tomorrow I'm lying on the beach'
- 16 Do you know what time the film starts?
- 17 Next July we have been together for five years.
- 18 I'll never be knowing what he thinks of me.
- 19 Sorry I'm late - the train I was going to catch was cancelled.'
- 20 They showed me the room where I would have stayed. I said it was oK.

Past Continuous/Progressive

The past progressive tense expresses an action that took place in the past but was in progress for a period of time or was incomplete.

Examples/

Lauren was shopping all day. (IN PROGRESS ALL DAY)

The boys were fighting over a toy. (IN PROGRESS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME)

Tim was studying but got tired and took a nap. (INCOMPLETE)

They were driving home when they ran out of gas. (INCOMPLETE)

It is quite common to add a when clause to statements that show an incomplete action or an action in progress that is interrupted.

Examples/

She was crying when I arrived.

Mom was trying to rest when the phone rang.

We were just sitting down to supper when our neighbor knocked at the door.

Mary was practicing the piano when I dropped by.

- It is possible to place a past progressive verb in a clause that begins with while in order to emphasize that the action was in progress when an interruption occurred.

Examples/

While I was swimming in the pool, I felt sick.

My brother began to cry while I was trying to study.

While you were out jogging, someone broke into the house.

While he was standing at the bus stop, it started to snow.

- ✓ A when clause and a while clause can be used with the same sentence elements.

Exercise 1/ Complete each sentence with an appropriate *when clause*.

1. I was learning back in my chair when
2. Were you standing on the corner when.....
3. Aunt Doris was baking a cake when.....
4. We were making up the bed in the spare room when.....

Now, provide an appropriate progressive-tense clause to complete each sentence.

5.when I heard Mom come in.
6.when the dog began to bark.
7.when the door slammed shut.
8.when I heard someone call my name.
9.when the road suddenly ended.
- 10.....when a bee stung me.
- 11.....when someone stole my purse.

Exercise 2/ Change each sentence from a statement containing a **when clause** to a statement containing a **while clause**.

1. They were opening their Christmas gifts when the Christmas tree fell over.
2. Tom was swimming in the pool when his little brother fell in the water.
3. She was speaking with the letter carrier when a taxi pulled up in front of the house.
4. Ms. Howard was lecturing her class when her cell phone rang.
5. The boys were playing checkers on the floor when the cat jumped into the middle of their game.

Exercise 3/ Correct (/) or not (X)? One sentence is not correct.

- 1 I used to have trouble buying football boots because I had verywide feet. ...
- 2 We didn' t see much of Dad last month, because he was going backwards and forwards to America most of the time. ...
- 3 Pete wasn' t studying very hard when he was at university. . . .
- 4 I was talking to the Governor of the Bank of England the other day, and he thinks we're in deep trouble. ...
- 5 When my sister was in her teens, she was always falling in love with really nasty boys. ...
- 6 You know I was thinking that it might be time to get a new car. ...