

# Present & Past Progressive

## The Present Progressive Tense

- Describes an action happening now
- Describes an action that takes a long time to do but that is currently in progress
- Sometimes this tense is used to describe events in the future.

Subject + [to be] + verb+ing.  
Subject + [to be] not + verb+ing.  
[To be] + subject + verb+ing?



## The Past Progressive Tense

- Describes an action that was taking place in the past
- Describes an action that was in progress in the past when another action happened

Subject + [was/were] + verb+ing.  
Subject + [was/were] not + verb+ing.  
[Was/Were] + subject + verb+ing?



## Example sentences:

1. We are presenting at the conference next week.
2. I'm a little busy. I am answering some emails right now.
3. Jonah was meeting with a client earlier.
4. Michelle was addressing some of our questions when head office called.
5. HR is conducting interviews all week.
6. Andres and Julia were preparing the new budget proposal.

## Practice assignment:

- Read the example sentences in the grey box and say which tense it is. Then match the uses above to the sentence (eg. does the sentence describe an action that took place in the past?)
- Use the past progressive to talk about projects you and your team were working on over the past year.

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