

Activity Type

Reading and writing activity

Language Focus

Present continuous affirmative and negative sentences

Aim

To find 20 verbs in a word search and then use the verbs to complete positive and negative present continuous sentences.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this worksheet activity, students find 20 verbs in a word search and then use the verbs to complete positive and negative present continuous sentences.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Tell the students to find 20 verbs in the word search and write them in the spaces provided.

When the students have finished, check the verbs with the class.

Answer key

	S	I	N	G	H	A	V	E	
W	S	W	I	M	R			A	D
A	D	R	I	V	E			T	R
L		I		T	A	K	E		I
K		D			D	A	S	K	N
		E		W	A	T	C	H	K
C	O	O	K	C	L	E	A	N	
	K	I	C	K		W	A	S	H
			L	I	S	T	E	N	
P	L	A	Y		M	A	K	E	
						T	E	L	L

After that, the students use the verbs to complete positive and negative present continuous sentences. The first part of each sentence is negative and the second part is positive. When the students have finished, check the answers as a class.

Answer key

1. They aren't driving to school today, they're riding their bikes.
2. He isn't watching a film, he's reading a book.
3. I'm not cooking dinner, I'm having dinner at a restaurant.
4. She isn't walking to work, she's taking the bus.
5. We aren't drinking tea, we're eating cakes.
6. He's not cleaning the house, he's washing his clothes.
7. They aren't listening to music, they're singing a song.
8. She isn't playing the drums, she's kicking the door.
9. He isn't swimming in the sea, he's making a sandcastle.
10. I'm not telling him to do it, I'm asking him.

A. Find 20 verbs in the word search and write them below.



Q	S	I	N	G	H	A	V	E	Y
W	S	W	I	M	R	P	O	A	D
A	D	R	I	V	E	J	H	T	R
L	A	I	D	T	A	K	E	F	I
K	S	D	G	J	D	A	S	K	N
Z	L	E	K	W	A	T	C	H	K
C	O	O	K	C	L	E	A	N	T
X	K	I	C	K	G	W	A	S	H
B	C	V	L	I	S	T	E	N	X
P	L	A	Y	S	M	A	K	E	W
N	K	H	R	E	E	T	E	L	L



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20. _____

B. Use the verbs you found in the word search to complete the sentences below in the present continuous tense. The first part of each sentence is negative and the second part is positive.

1. They aren't _____ to school today, they're _____ their bikes.
2. He isn't _____ a film, he's _____ a book.
3. I'm not _____ dinner, I'm _____ dinner at a restaurant.
4. She isn't _____ to work, she's _____ the bus.
5. We aren't _____ tea, we're _____ cakes.
6. He's not _____ the house, he's _____ his clothes.
7. They aren't _____ to music, they're _____ a song.
8. She isn't _____ the drums, she's _____ the door.
9. He isn't _____ in the sea, he's _____ a sandcastle.
10. I'm not _____ him to do it, I'm _____ him.