

Progressive form of **verbs**:

Present and past progressive (continuous)



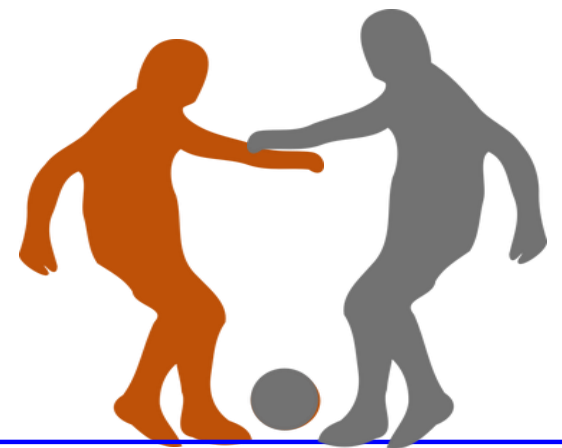
She **was running**.



Alice **is balancing**.



They **are playing**.





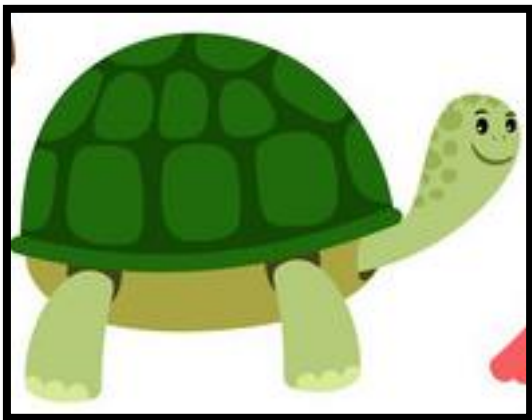
The progressive form is continuous.

It suggests that the action **progresses**, for a period of time,

Tom's tortoise *was waiting* for his lettuce.

or **progresses** at the time something else happens or happened.

Tom's tortoise *was waiting* when he saw the lawnmower.



WOW!
It has missed me!

This can be in the **present** (happening now)

or in the **past** (happened then).

Progressive form of **verbs**: present and past progressive



Past progressive

He *was* walking

She *was* running

The dog *was* whining

We *were* listening



Present

He walks

She runs

The dog whines

We listen

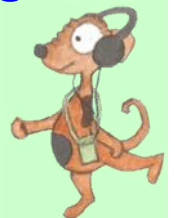
Present progressive

He *is* walking

She *is* running

The dog *is* whining

We *are* listening



Progressive form of **verbs**: past progressive



leap

Think of a sentence which shows that the children *did* this **verb** for a while.



Can you use past progressive form?

The children *leapt*.

The children *were leaping*.

This **past progressive** form shows the action **continued** for a while.

Hint: use
were

The children were leaping about when the teacher opened the classroom door.

Progressive form of **verbs**: past progressive



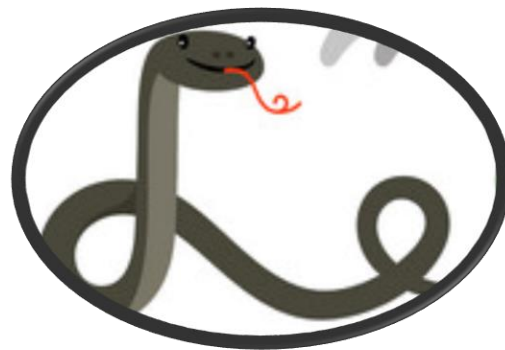
quarrel

Think of a sentence which shows that we *did* this **verb** **when** the teacher arrived.

We *quarrelled*.

Hint: use
were

We **were quarrelling** when the teacher arrived.



This **past progressive** form shows the action **continued** *when* something else occurred.

The children were quarrelling about the snake!

Choosing past simple or past progressive form



Would this
be a **short**
action or a
longer one?

*The whole class **is having** its best ever day.*

*The whole class **had** its best ever day.*

Which verb
form **sounds**
longer?

*The whole class **was having** its best ever day.*

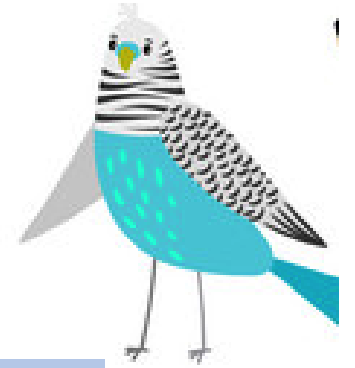
How would you write this in the past form?

*A day takes a while so the
past progressive form is
best.*



To make **verbs** progressive:

- Add one of... *is, are, am, was, were*
- Use *-ing* participle of the **verb**



Present progressive

Past progressive

She *makes* a mess.

She *is making* a mess.

She *was making* a mess.

auxiliary verb indicates the tense

He *chirps* softly.

He *is chirping* softly.

He *was chirping* softly.

They *fly* around.

They *are flying* around.

They *were flying* around.

Try changing these verb forms to present and past progressive.