

Test Your Grammar Skills

Past, Present, and Future Continuous Tenses with 'While'

At the Park

It's a lovely summer's day, so **David** and **Patty** are spending time at the park. They are both doing different things at the same time. What are they doing?

A) Write 10 sentences using **present continuous + while + present continuous**. Use the nouns below – or use your own ideas. Answers will vary. Don't forget to include articles and prepositions! For example:

6.15pm: David is playing tennis, while Patty is reading a novel.

bench bike boyfriend bush busker chat	ducks football frisbee grass horse ice cream	kite lunch magazine outdoor concert picnic pram	race roundabout shopping list slide sunglasses suntan lotion	swings tree umbrella wasp water fountain zoo
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- 6.15pm: _____
- 6.25pm: _____
- 6.35pm: _____
- 6.54pm: _____
- 7.05pm: _____
- 7.10pm: _____
- 7.29pm: _____
- 7.48pm: _____
- 8.00pm: _____
- 8.20pm: _____

B) If you are feeling artistic, you could draw pictures to illustrate some or all of your sentences!

C) Imagine that all these actions happened **yesterday**. With a partner, ask and answer questions about David and Patty's day using **past continuous** (was/were + ing form), e.g.

Q: What was David doing at 6.15pm yesterday? A: Playing tennis.
Q: What was Patty doing while he was playing tennis? A: Reading a novel. etc.

D) Imagine that they are going to the park **tomorrow**. Use your original sentences to predict what they will be doing using **future continuous** (will be + ing form), e.g.

Q: Will David be playing tennis at 6.15pm tomorrow? A: Yes, I think he will.
Q: What will Patty be doing while David's playing tennis? A: Probably reading a novel. etc.