

# Grammar Continuous Tenses

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

### At the Airport

**Rita and Lee** are waiting for their flight in the departure lounge at the airport. 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:

4.30pm: Rita is buying a book, while Lee is eating a pear.

argument  
bag  
bench  
boarding pass  
cashpoint  
coffee

complaint  
crisps  
duty free  
enquiry  
escalator  
flight

friend  
game  
gate number  
internet  
kiss  
message

new jumper  
newspaper  
phone  
phrasebook  
plane  
queue

restaurant  
sleep  
stairs  
text  
ticket  
toilet

1. 4.30pm: \_\_\_\_\_
2. 4.45pm: \_\_\_\_\_
3. 4.55pm: \_\_\_\_\_
4. 5.05pm: \_\_\_\_\_
5. 5.16pm: \_\_\_\_\_
6. 5.20pm: \_\_\_\_\_
7. 5.35pm: \_\_\_\_\_
8. 5.48pm: \_\_\_\_\_
9. 6.00pm: \_\_\_\_\_
10. 6.10pm: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Rita and Lee's day using **past continuous** (was/were + ing form), e.g.

Q: What was Rita doing at 4.30pm yesterday?

A: Buying a book.

Q: What was Lee doing while she was buying a book?

A: Eating a pear. etc.

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

Q: Will Rita be buying a book at 4.30pm tomorrow?

A: Yes, I think she will.

Q: What will Lee be doing while Rita's buying a book?

A: Probably eating a pear. etc.