

Grammar and Usage

I. Present Continuous Tense


Top Tip

We use the present continuous tense to talk about:


- something that is going on now
- something which we have planned or arranged to do in the future

A. Talking about What is Happening Now


Put the verbs in the present continuous tense.

1.  Dad: What are they doing (do) here, dear?


Mom: The kids _____ (practise) for the taekwondo contest next week.

2.  Eva: Why are you so busy?

Chris: Hush! I _____ (download) the new episode of Harry Potter.

3.  Patrick: Look! My wife _____ (train) the puppy to bring her slippers.

Bob: Cool!

4.  Sister: Would you turn down the volume of the TV?

Brother: Why?

Sister: We _____ (compose) a song.

Unit 2

School Regulations



Upgrade Your Reading Skills

Read the following school regulations.

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Patrick Bells Girls' School

School Regulations



Sick Leave

The parent of the student must inform the office of the student's absence 5 due to sickness from 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. on any school day. A letter written by the parent and a medical certificate should be submitted to the form teacher on the next school day.

If a student is absent from school due to sickness in the examination period, she must follow the proper procedures for applying for sick leave.

10 Otherwise, the supplementary examination will not be arranged.

Please note the following:

- A medical certificate refers to the certificate issued by a qualified Western doctor.
- Chinese herbal prescriptions and letters by Chinese bone-setters 15 are not accepted.
- Absence will be considered as truancy and a minor demerit will be given if any student fails to comply with the regulations above.



Upgrade Your Communication Skills

Do you know how to give directions in the street?

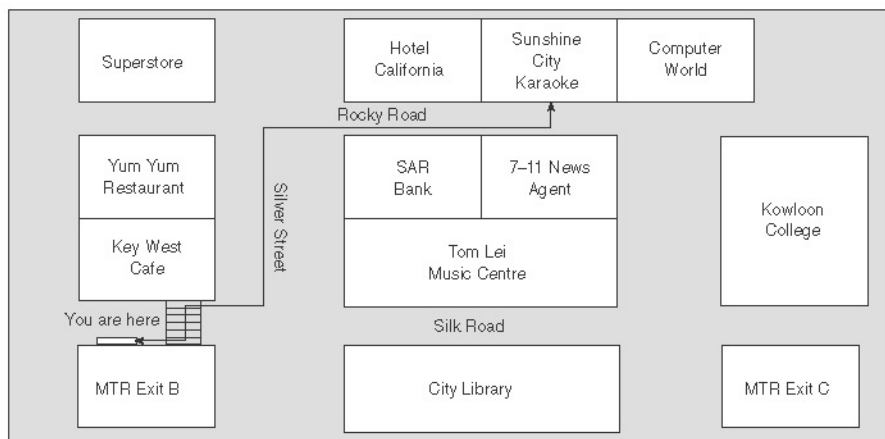
Look at the route to Sunshine City Karaoke. Complete the dialogue with suitable phrases.

turn left
walk past

turn right
on your left

walk along
on your right

cross / walk across



A: Excuse me, can you tell me the way to Sunshine City Karaoke?

B: Oh, it's not far. When you go out of the station through Exit B, 1. _____ and you are on Silk Road. 2. _____ Silk Road at the pedestrian crossing. Then you will see Key West Café in front of you. After that, turn right and walk a few steps. Next, 3. _____ into Silver Street and keep going. If you are walking in the right direction, you will find Yum Yum Restaurant 4. _____ and SAR Bank 5. _____. After that, 6. _____ and 7. _____ Rocky Road. Finally 8. _____ Hotel California, you will see Sunshine City Karaoke just next to it.

A: Thank you very much. Goodbye.

Top Tip

A. Useful phrases:

Walk straight on, Take the first / second turning on your left / right

It's just around the corner, If you are walking in the right direction,

When you come out of... , then you will see / find...

Keep walking until...

When you come to the corner of _____ Road and _____ Street, ...

B. Useful prepositions:

Opposite, facing, next to, beside, behind, in front of



Upgrade Your Writing Skills

Tell Me What to Do

Cherry is not happy. She thinks her mother does not understand her. She is writing an email to Ashley, her cousin, telling her how she feels and asking for advice. Complete the letter for her. The guiding questions may be useful to you.

Guiding Questions

1. How long does your mother work every day?
2. When does she come home?
3. What does she like to ask you?
4. What does she want you to do?
5. Is she always angry with you?
6. Do you want to talk to her? Why / Why not?
7. Do you think she cares about you?
8. Do you feel her love?

E-mail: Compose message

To:

From:

Subject:

SEND

Dear Ashley,

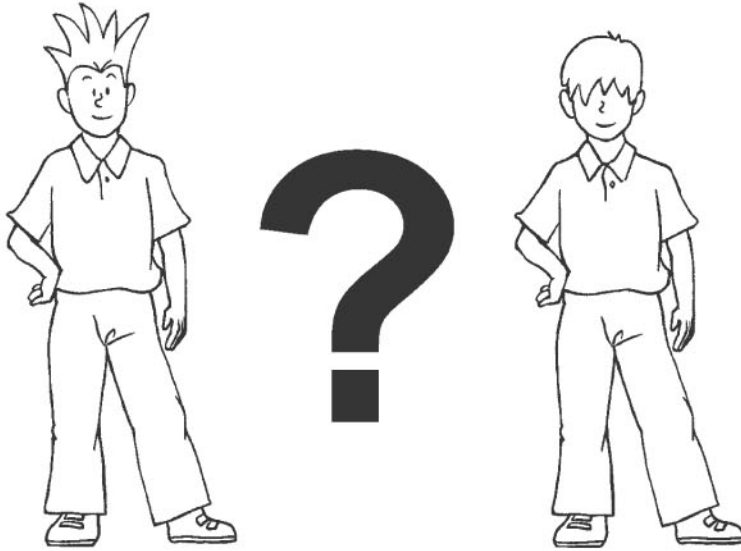
My mom is not as close to me as before. I don't think she understands me. She is like somebody else.

I really want to improve our relationship. Please tell me what to do.

Cherry

Fun with Words

Look at the pictures and complete the sentence.



Patrick always lets his hair _____ (on / down). He knows how to relax and enjoy himself.

Exercise 3

Hong Kong Disneyland

An announcement is being broadcast in Hong Kong Disneyland. Listen to the announcement and complete the programme list.

Programme List

A. Stage Shows

1. Programme Name : _____

Place : Adventureland

2. Programme Name : _____

Place : Fantasyland

Show Time : _____ p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

B. Parade and Fireworks

1. Programme Name : _____ on Parade

Place : Fantasyland, near the entrance of _____

Show Time : _____

2. Programme Name : Disney in the _____

Description : The show lights up the sky above the enchanting _____

Show Time : 7:00 p.m.

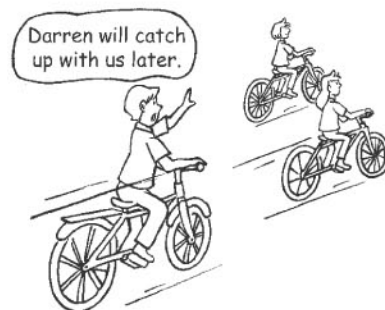
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Phrasal Verbs

1. Catch up (with)

Meaning: stop being behind

Example: 'Darren did not sleep well last night and thus he stopped to take a rest. He'll **catch up** / **catch up with** us later.'



2. Hold up

Meaning: raise / lift to a higher-than-normal position

Example: Cathy won the champion in the distance running competition. She proudly **held** her trophy **up** for all to see.



3. Look down on

Meaning: regard as inferior

Example: Jonathan only has a few friends. He always **looks down on** anyone who is not as rich as him.



4. Look up to

Meaning: respect

Example: All students **look up to** Miss Chan because she is the guest speaker of today's talk.

