



**BATTLE FOR BRITAIN
COURSE 1
VRGN-BWLF/10-66
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Mission 3.12. Continuous Forms 2

1

Make seven idioms with continuous tenses by putting the words into the correct order.

1. what / you're / said / I / twisting
 2. driving / bend / me / it's / the / round
 3. tearing / out / been / my / I've / hair
 4. throwing / always / around / he's / his / weight
 5. our / gaining / we're / on / competitors / ground
 6. just / bit / weather / I'm / under / a / feeling / the
 7. above / heads / keeping / water / we're / our / just
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2

Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box as a continuous or perfect continuous infinitive.

eavesdrop leak try work go sit use worry

1. I'm afraid the pipe seems to _____ for quite some time.
2. Ugh! This cheese must _____ in the fridge for months!
3. We've just got to focus on our own strengths and weaknesses. We can't _____

about the competition all the time.

4. Listen, I'd better go. I shouldn't really _____ the office phone to call you. And anyway, I'm supposed to _____ really!

5. He does finally seem to _____ to cut down on how much junk he eats.

6. I'm sorry you heard what I said, but you shouldn't _____ on our conversation!

7. He couldn't _____ that fast when he crashed. Otherwise, the car would've been a total write-off.

3

Choose the correct option.

1. 'Sorry I haven't phoned. I lost your number.'

'Oh, you always lose / you're always losing my number. Why don't you put it in your mobile?'

2. It gets / is getting easier to find people to do part-time work these days.

3. By the middle of 2008, many parts of Europe experienced / were experiencing the worst economic recession for decades.

4. The victim came / was coming home from work when she was attacked.

5. Jim caught / was catching the early flight the next morning so he left the party before midnight.

6. The part-time philosophy course consists / is consisting of twenty evening lectures and five full-day seminars.

7. You can't leave a ten-year-old child on her own. What on earth do you think / are you thinking of?

8. My present from Alice didn't come in the post, so she must be / is delivering it by hand.

9. 'I wonder where Dad is.' 'He is / will be driving to the airport, I should think.'

10. You seem to work / to be working harder than usual this month.

11. Why's she so late? She can't still work / be working.

4

Expand one of the sets of notes below to complete each dialogue.

continually – change – mind / forever – moan – work / forever – ask me – money
/ constantly – criticise – driving / always – complain – handwriting

1. A: I can't read this. B: You're _____.
2. A: Can I borrow €10? B: You're _____.
3. A: That was a dangerous thing to do. B: You're _____.
4. A: I think I'll stay here after all. B: You're _____.
5. A: I had a bad day at the office again. B: You're _____.

5

Complete each pair of sentences using the same verb (in negative form if necessary).
Use the present continuous or the present simple.

1. A: 'Shall I phone at six?' 'No, we (usually) _____ dinner at that time.'
B: I _____ lamb, thanks. I'm a vegetarian.
2. A: Gielman _____ Henry V in the latest production at the Royal Theatre.
B: They (constantly) _____ loud music until the early hours of the morning.
3. A: I normally _____ the children to school at 8:30. Perhaps we could meet at 9:00.
B: In his 2007 book, Wall _____ a controversial view of Britain's role in the war.

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Answer the questions

1. Right or wrong?
 - A. She doesn't like to be disturbed when she's working.
 - B. When the post comes, I'm usually having breakfast.
 - C. You look lovely when you smile.
 - D. You look lovely when you're smiling.

2. Three of these sentences mean more or less the same. Which one is different?
 - A. Are you doing the shopping tomorrow?
 - B. Are you going to do the shopping tomorrow?
 - C. Will you do the shopping tomorrow?
 - D. Will you be doing the shopping tomorrow?

3. A TV chef is describing a recipe as she's cooking it. Which sentence(s) is/are possible?
 - A. First I take a bowl and break two eggs into it.
 - B. First I'm taking a bowl and am breaking two eggs into it.

4. Right or wrong?
 - A. When I was a child, we always went swimming on Saturdays in the summer.
 - B. Her mother was always arranging little surprise picnics and outings.