

Present Continuous Practice

A2/B1

The whole break-out room is designed to give students extra practice of Present Continuous in reading, listening and writing. The set gives students the context for practice and activates more skills. The story is quite simple to focus students' attention on the structure and correctness.

The story and the scenario

"Something strange is happening in the town museum. Every night, the statues change positions! Nobody knows how or why... The security cameras aren't working, and the guards are confused. You are a team of young detectives sent to investigate. Your mission: find out what is really happening at night—and solve the final mystery! WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM?"

Main Hall Challenge

It's a normal day at the museum. The security guard is inspecting the rooms and making notes. Everything looks normal. Help him write his report.

1. The janitor	the floor. (clean)
2. The tourists	pictures of the dinosaur. (take)
3. A child in	front of the mummy case. (cry)
4. The guard	his flashlight. (hold)
5. Someone	quietly near the statues. (whisper)
6. The security team	the cameras. (check)
7. An old man	a strange map. (draw)
8. A museum worker	the main door. (lock)
9. Tourists	at the statues in the Egyptian room. (look)
10. The manager	the alarm system. (test)



Dinosaur Exhibit Challenge

But the security guard can't see anything wrong. So, the museum director is checking the museum now. He wants to know what is happening. Read his notes and check if everything is correct? Write T if it is correct or F if it is wrong.

It's very late. I'm staying in the museum tonight because strange things are happening. Right now, I'm standing in front of the big dinosaur skeleton in the main hall. I'm wearing a dark coat and holding my notebook.

I'm writing down everything I see. The lights are off. I'm using my small flashlight. It's very quiet. But something strange is happening. One statue is moving! It's turning its head slowly. Another statue is walking across the room. I'm watching carefully. I'm also filming with my phone.

I think they are alive. The statues are not sleeping. They are walking and whispering! I don't understand what they want. I'm very scared, but I'm not leaving. I need to know the truth.

- 1. The museum director is staying inside the museum at night.
- 2. The director is hiding behind the big dinosaur skeleton.
- 3. The director is writing notes in his phone.
- 4. The lights in the museum are on.
- 5. The director is using a small flashlight to see.
- 6. The statues are walking and whispering at night.
- 7. One statue is pointing at a glass display case.
- 8. The director is using a phone to film the statues.
- 9. The director feels calm and safe.
- 10. The director wants to find out what is really happening.

Answer key:



Oil Paintings Hall Challenge

The guard is now in the painting exhibit. There are still a lot of people and he is talking to his colleague. Listen to his information and match to the people. Maybe he will notice something unusual.

This is a listening exercise to match.

Egyptian Hall Challenge

The museum is closed now. The security guard is checking all the rooms. He is recording everything that he can see to report to the museum director. Listen carefully and check his notes. Are they correct? Write the correct answers. (listening practice)

1. The security guard is running through the Egyptian exhibit
The security guard the Egyptian exhibit.
2. The security guard is packing a flashlight. \rightarrow
The security guard a flashlight.
3. Mia is talking on her phone. \rightarrow
Mia
4. The workers are dancing and shouting. $ ightarrow$
The workers
5. Two workers is packing books. \rightarrow
Two workers
6. The security guard are walking slowly. $ ightarrow$
The security guard
7. The radio is working well. \rightarrow
The radio
A statue are jumping on the table. $ ightarrow$
A statue .



Answer key:

- 1. is walking through
- 2. is holding
- 3. is cleaning tables
- 4. are listening to music and singing
- 5. are packing boxes
- 6. is walking faster
- 7. is not working
- 8. is moving

Treasure Hall Challenge

The guards are now in the Treasure Hall. Something strange is happening here. Oh dear! Look, everybody is lost because the statues are running around. What a mess! Help us fix it please! Write all the sentences correctly!

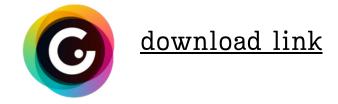
- 1. the / behind / hide / boy / the statue
- 2. the flashlight / guard / the / use
- 3. open / the / she / door
- 4. run / two / away / statues
- 5. at / the / man / look/ the camera
- 6. painting / the / someone / move
- 7. write / a / she / message
- 8. follow / me / the statue
- 9. talk / they / quietly
- 10. notes / the guards / take /
- 11. phone / her / she / on / talk
- 12. move / the statues/ not / now



Final Clue

Use the clues you collected to solve the mystery at the museum: museum, moving, robot, night, testing

The statues are moving because the museum is testing new robot technology at night.





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