



ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 21: WATCHING BIRDS

Based on the context complete the sentences below by selecting either the *present continuous*, *present simple* or *past continuous* tense.

Question 1: Because the Australian dollar has gone up, exports _____ now.

- Answer:**
- a. are struggling
 - b. struggle
 - c. were struggling

Question 2: John _____ student issues while the counsellor is on leave.

- Answer:**
- a. deals with
 - b. is dealing with
 - c. was dealing with

Question 3: At the moment they _____ the order for electronic equipment for the government.

- Answer:**
- a. were manufacturing
 - b. manufacture
 - c. are manufacturing

Question 4: Generally speaking, it is the personal assistant who _____ the tickets for our conferences.

- Answer:**
- a. is organising
 - b. organises
 - c. was organising

Question 5: The course coordinators are in the boardroom. They _____ a meeting about the English language curricula.

- Answer:**
- a. are having
 - b. were having
 - c. have



Question 6: Every morning Julia _____ tai chi in the park.

- Answer:**
- a. practises
 - b. is practising
 - c. was practising

Question 7: Yee Mee lived in Sydney for four years. She _____ English well.

- Answer:**
- a. was speaking
 - b. is speaking
 - c. speaks

Question 8: This term Yoshi _____ his first course in financial planning.

- Answer:**
- a. takes
 - b. is taking
 - c. was taking

Question 9: Susan _____ in the Learning Centre every Saturday.

- Answer:**
- a. was studying
 - b. is studying
 - c. studies

Question 10: At this time they _____ for professional qualifications in accounting.

- Answer:**
- a. are studying
 - b. study
 - c. were studying

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1

1. Because the Australian dollar has gone up, exports _____ now.
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2. John _____ student issues while the counsellor is on leave.
b. is dealing with
3. At the moment they _____ the order for electronic equipment for the government.
c. are manufacturing
4. Generally speaking, it is the personal assistant who _____ the tickets for our conferences.
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5. The course coordinators are in the boardroom. They _____ a meeting about the English language curricula.
a. are having
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7. Yee Mee lived in Sydney for four years. She _____ English well.
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8. This term Yoshi _____ his first course in financial planning.
b. is taking
9. Susan _____ in the Leaning Centre every Saturday.
a. studies
10. At this time they _____ for professional qualifications in accounting.
a. are studying