

What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Read a shape poem.

- Read the poem: [Rolling Down A Hill](#).
- This is a poem written to look at on the page. Can you use your voice or actions to find a good way to read it out loud?

2. Learn about the progressive tense

- Use the [PowerPoint](#) or the [Revision Card](#) to learn about the progressive form of verbs.
- Complete [Progressive Tense Practice](#).

Well done! Check your answers with a grown-up. You can look at the end of this pack for the answers.

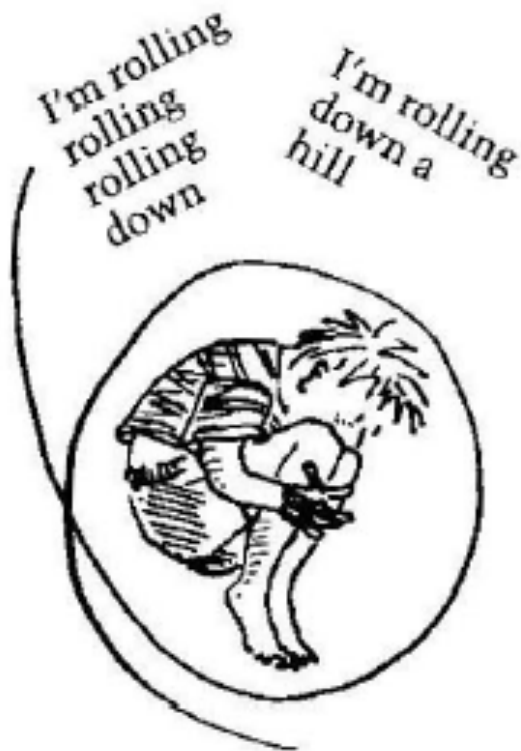
3. Now for some writing

- Think of some [Action Poem Ideas](#). Write them down on the sheet. You could use a new idea that isn't written there.
- Use some of your ideas to write a poem. Try to set it out so that the shape on the page matches the action.

Try these Fun-Time Extras

- Can you send your poem to somebody else?
- Can you make up some more Action Poems so that you have a whole-series of them.
- Can you find some more information about Colin West?
<https://www.colinwest.com/about/>

ROLLING DOWN A HILL



I'm rolling
rolling
rolling
down

I'm rolling
down a
hill

I'm rolling
rolling
rolling
down

I'm rolling
down it
still

I'm rolling
rolling
rolling
down

I'm rolling
down a
hill

I'm rolling
rolling
rolling
down

I'm feeling
ill
but now

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Revision Card – Progressive Tense

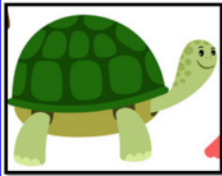
The progressive form is continuous.

It suggests that the action **progresses**, for a period of time,

Tom's tortoise *was waiting* for his lettuce.

or **progresses** at the time something else happens or happened.

Tom's tortoise *was waiting* when he saw the lawnmower.



This can be in the **present** (happening now)

WOW!
It missed me!

or in the **past** (happened then).

Progressive form of **verbs**: present and past progressive

Past progressive

He *was walking*

She *was running*

The dog *was whining*

We *were listening*



Present

He *walks*

She *runs*

The dog *whines*

We *listen*

Present progressive

He *is walking*

She *is running*

The dog *is whining*

We *are listening*



Progressive form of **verbs**: past progressive

leap

Think of a sentence which shows that the children *did* this **verb** for a while.

The children *leapt*.

The children *were leaping*.



This **past progressive** form shows the action **continued** for a while.

Hint: use *were*

Can you use past progressive form?

The children were leaping about when the teacher opened the classroom door.

To make **verbs** progressive:

- Add one of... *is, are, am, was, were*
- Use *-ing* participle of the **verb**



Present progressive

Past progressive

She *makes* a mess.

She *is making* a mess.

She *was making* a mess.

auxiliary verb indicates the tense

He *chirps* softly.

He *is chirping* softly.

He *was chirping* softly.

They *fly* around.

They *are flying* around.

They *were flying* around.

Progressive Tense Practice

Under each present tense sentence, write the present progressive and past progressive versions. The first has been done for you.

She kicks the ball.

She is kicking the ball. (Present Progressive)

She was kicking the ball. (Past Progressive)

He bakes a cake.

They write a story.

He plays games.

We sing a song.

They run a race.

Action poem ideas

*Make some notes of phrases and descriptions you could use.
Try to write in the progressive tense.*

Climbing up a mountain

Floating in the air

Skating round a lake

Swimming in a whirlpool

Action Poem

Write your poem on this page. Set it out so its shape matches the action.

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We were singing a song.

They run a race.

They are running a race.

They were running a race.