

Exercices be + -ing à tous les temps

Exercices d'anglais - niveau Terminale

Ces exercices be + -ing vous entraînent à conjuguer l'auxiliaire be à tous les temps et après les modaux, puis à justifier la nuance que la forme apporte. Les premières séries sont mécaniques ; les dernières demandent de traduire, de corriger et d'écrire.

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Les exercices

Onze séries d'exercices be + -ing, de la forme au sens

Exercice 1 : Identifier la forme

Nommez la forme en be + -ing utilisée (présent, prétérit, present perfect, past perfect, futur, futur antérieur, modal + présent, modal + passé, passif).

1. By 2030, they will have been building the stadium for ten years.
2. She had been crying when I came in.
3. This time tomorrow I'll be lying on a beach in Cornwall.
4. We've been queuing for ages.
5. He must be joking.

6. They could have been sleeping when the alarm went off.
7. The bridge is being repaired.

Exercice 2 : Le futur en be + -ing

Mettez le verbe entre parenthèses à la forme will be + -ing.

1. Don't call at eight; we (have) ___ dinner.
2. This time next week, I (sit) ___ my philosophy exam.
3. (you / use) ___ the car tonight? I'd like to borrow it.
4. At midnight, the whole city (celebrate) ___.
5. Don't worry, I (not / wait) ___ for you; I'll go straight home.
6. In twenty years, people (travel) ___ in driverless cars.

Partie 2

Exercice 3 : Present perfect simple ou en be + -ing

Choisissez entre have (has) + participe passé et have (has) been + -ing.

1. I (read) ___ this novel all afternoon and I'm only on page 50.
2. I (read) ___ three novels by Toni Morrison so far.
3. Your eyes are red. (you / cry) ___?
4. She (write) ___ her personal statement since Monday, and it's still not finished.
5. They (know) ___ each other since primary school.
6. How many times (you / visit) ___ London?
7. It (rain) ___ all day; the streets are flooded.

Exercice 4 : Le past perfect en be + -ing

Mettez le verbe au past perfect en be + -ing.

1. When the train finally arrived, we (wait) ___ for three hours.
2. Her hands were covered in paint: she (decorate) ___ her room.
3. He was exhausted because he (run) ___.
4. They (argue) ___ for weeks before they finally agreed.
5. I (not / sleep) ___ well, so I fell asleep in class.
6. How long (you / live) ___ in Bristol before you moved to Glasgow?

Partie 3

Exercice 5 : Le futur antérieur en be + -ing

Mettez le verbe à la forme will have been + -ing.

1. By June, I (study) ___ English for ten years.

2. Next month she (work) ___ at the hospital for a decade.
3. By the time the plane lands, we (fly) ___ for fourteen hours.
4. In 2030, the band (play) ___ together for forty years.
5. By midnight, the volunteers (search) ___ for the dog for a whole day.

Exercice 6 : Modal + be + -ing ou modal + have been + -ing

Choisissez la forme qui convient au contexte.

1. Listen! Someone (must be knocking / must have been knocking) at the door.
2. She didn't answer my call; she (might be driving / might have been driving) at the time.
3. You (shouldn't be using / shouldn't have been using) your phone now: it's an exam!
4. The ground is wet; it (must be raining / must have been raining) during the night.
5. They (can't be telling / can't have been telling) the truth: their stories don't match.
6. We (could be waiting / could have been waiting) for hours if you hadn't called us.

Partie 4

Exercice 7 : Compréhension d'un texte

Lisez le texte puis répondez aux questions en anglais, en réutilisant une forme en be + -ing.

Platform 9 at Euston was packed. Most passengers had been waiting since six in the morning, and nobody knew when the Glasgow train would leave. "We've been standing here for three hours!" Maya complained. A guard explained that engineers were working on the line near Crewe. "They must have been fixing the signals all night," he added. Maya sighed: "By the time we get to Glasgow, we'll have been travelling for nearly ten hours. And this time tomorrow, I'll be sitting in a lecture hall in Edinburgh, wondering why I didn't take the coach."

1. Since when had most passengers been waiting?
2. How long has Maya been standing on the platform?
3. What were the engineers doing?
4. What does the guard suppose about the night?
5. How long will Maya have been travelling when she arrives?
6. What will Maya be doing this time tomorrow?

Exercice 8 : Les valeurs aspectuelles

Associez chaque phrase à la valeur qu'elle exprime : a) agacement, b) situation

temporaire, c) futur naturel ou poli, d) trace d'une activité récente, e) comportement passager, f) politesse par atténuation.

1. He's always losing his keys!
2. I'm living with my aunt this term.
3. Will you be going to the library later?
4. You've been smoking: I can smell it.
5. You're being very rude tonight.
6. I was wondering if you could proofread my essay.

Partie 5

Exercice 9 : Traduction du français vers l'anglais

Traduisez en employant une forme en be + -ing.

1. Ça fait deux heures que j'attends.
2. Elle travaillait là depuis six mois quand elle a démissionné.
3. Demain à cette heure-ci, nous serons en train de voter.
4. Il a dû courir : il est essoufflé.
5. Le pont est en cours de reconstruction.
6. En septembre, cela fera un an que j'apprends le chinois.

Exercice 10 : Correction d'erreurs

Chaque phrase contient une erreur. Réécrivez-la correctement.

1. I am knowing the answer.
2. She has been writing four essays this week.
3. We are waiting since nine o'clock.
4. By next year he will be working here for ten years.
5. They had been knew each other for years.
6. The house is be painted at the moment.

Exercice 11 : Production guidée

Vous racontez un long voyage retardé. Écrivez une phrase pour chaque consigne.

1. Une durée qui continue au présent (have been + -ing).
2. Une durée jusqu'à un repère passé (had been + -ing).
3. Une action en cours à un moment futur (will be + -ing).
4. Une durée jusqu'à un repère futur (will have been + -ing).
5. Une hypothèse sur une activité passée (modal + have been + -ing).

Exercice 12 : Simple ou be + -ing ?

Choisissez la forme correcte et justifiez-la brièvement (état, action en cours, habitude).

1. I (know / am knowing) the answer.
2. Look! It (rains / is raining).
3. They (are having / have) lunch at the moment.
4. She (has / is having) two sisters.
5. This week, I (work / am working) from home.
6. He (wants / is wanting) a new phone.
7. The soup (tastes / is tasting) delicious.
8. The chef (tastes / is tasting) the soup.

Exercice 13 : Le bon temps en be + -ing

Mettez le verbe entre parenthèses à la forme en be + -ing du temps qui convient.

1. At this time yesterday, we ___ (wait) for the train.
2. By the time you arrive, I ___ (cook) for two hours.
3. She ___ (study) law since September.
4. Don't call at nine: I ___ (sleep).
5. He was exhausted because he ___ (run) all morning.
6. Right now, they ___ (discuss) the budget.
7. This time next week, we ___ (travel) around Scotland.
8. I ___ (look) for you for an hour!

Exercice 14 : Négation et question

Écrivez la forme négative, puis la forme interrogative de chaque phrase.

1. They are renovating the house.
2. She has been waiting for ages.
3. He was driving too fast.
4. You will be working tomorrow.
5. We had been walking for hours.

Exercice 15 : Le passif progressif

Mettez ces phrases au passif en conservant le temps (be being + participe passé).

1. They are building a new bridge.
2. Someone was repairing the road.
3. The council is cleaning the streets.
4. Engineers were testing the system.
5. They are painting the school.
6. Workers were widening the main road.

7. They are examining the evidence.

Exercice 16 : Les valeurs de be + -ing

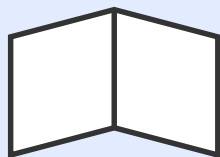
Indiquez la valeur de be + -ing dans chaque phrase : **action en cours, irritation, situation temporaire, projet arrêté, évolution progressive, cadre d'une autre action.**

1. He is always losing his keys!
2. I'm seeing the dentist on Friday.
3. She is staying with her aunt until June.
4. The planet is getting warmer.
5. When I arrived, they were having dinner.
6. Listen! Someone is singing in the street.

Exercice 17 : La journée du garçon

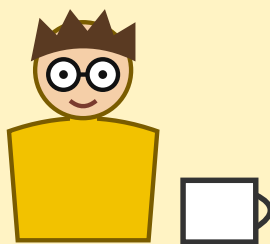
Observez les trois moments et complétez avec la forme en be + -ing qui convient.

Yesterday, 8 p.m.



a book

Now



a cup of tea

Tomorrow, 8 p.m.



a suitcase

Hier, maintenant, demain

1. At 8 p.m. yesterday, he ___ (read) a book.
2. Now he ___ (drink) a cup of tea.
3. Tomorrow at 8 p.m., he ___ (travel).
4. He ___ (not read) now.
5. By tomorrow evening, he ___ (pack) for hours.
6. ___ he ___ (drink) coffee now? No, he isn't.

Exercice 18 : When ou while ?

Mettez les verbes au prétérit simple ou au prétérit en be + -ing : l'action longue est en be + -ing, l'action courte interrompt.

1. While I ___ (walk) home, it ___ (start) to rain.

2. She ____ (cook) when the phone ____ (ring).
3. When I ____ (get) home, my sister ____ (watch) television.
4. They ____ (play) football when the storm ____ (hit).
5. What ____ you ____ (do) when I called?
6. He ____ (read) while his brother ____ (cook) dinner.

Exercice 19 : Les villes changent

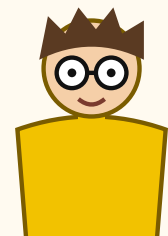
Complétez le texte avec le verbe entre parenthèses, à la forme en be + -ing du temps qui convient.

Today, many cities (1) ____ (change) faster than ever. For decades, people (2) ____ (move) from the countryside to big towns, and by 2050 almost seven in ten people (3) ____ (live) in cities. Mayors (4) ____ (try) to reduce traffic, but yesterday's solutions (5) ____ (not work) any more. Ten years ago, nobody (6) ____ (talk) about electric buses; now they (7) ____ (appear) everywhere.

Exercice 20 : Hier, aujourd'hui, demain

Rédigez un texte de 8 à 10 phrases sur votre vie à trois moments : il y a cinq ans, maintenant, dans dix ans. Utilisez au moins quatre temps différents en be + -ing.

5 years ago	Now	In 10 years
was ... -ing	am ... -ing	will be ... -ing
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



and you?

Trois moments de votre vie

Aide : *Five years ago, I was... Now I'm... I've been ... since... In ten years, I'll be... By then, I'll have been...*