



ADVENTURES IN LANGUAGE



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Describe what's happening in the following situations:

1.



Chico: ¿Qué estás mirando?

Chica: _____

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Describe what's happening in the following situations:

2.



Nosotros _____

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Describe what's happening in the following situations:

3.



- ¿ _____ ?
- A Francia, en el vuelo 345 a las 12:45.

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Describe what's happening in the following situations:

4.



Ella _____

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Describe what's happening in the following situations:

5.



Chica: Mi pareja _____ todo el día.

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Describe what's happening in the following situations:

6.



La chica _____ una camisa de color morado.

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Suggested Answers

1. Any sentence guessing what the girl is watching, using the present continuous, would be correct.

For instance:

Estoy mirando un video muy divertido en YouTube.
(I'm watching a very funny video on YouTube.)
2. Any sentence guessing what the group is doing right now, using the present continuous, would be correct.

For instance:

Nosotros estamos trabajando en un proyecto para nuestra clase de historia.
(We are working on a project for our history class.)
3. The answer implies someone is doing something in the near future. In English, the tense you would probably use is the present continuous. However, as we just learned, the Spanish present continuous cannot be used to talk about future actions. An answer like *¿Dónde estás volando?* [Where are you flying to?] would be incorrect. *¿Dónde estás yendo?* (Where are you going?) would also be incorrect. We just learned that verbs *ir* (to go) and *venir* (to come) are incompatible with the present continuous. Correct answers would be *¿Adónde vuelas?* or *¿Adónde vas?*
4. Any sentence guessing what the girl is doing would be correct. Since it is happening right now, you are likely to use the present continuous.

For instance:

Ella está comprando en el mercado.
(She's shopping at a farmer's market.)

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5. The picture shows a girl being upset about something. Also, the presence of *todo el día* (all the time) in the answer suggests the use of the present continuous to describe an action that the speaker perceives as annoying. Any sentence guessing why the girl is upset would be correct.

For instance:

Mi pareja me está ignorando todo el día.

(My partner has been ignoring me all day.)

6. The presence of *una camisa de color morado* (a purple shirt) suggests the use of the verb *llevar* (to wear). We have learned that this verb is incompatible with the present continuous. For this reason, an answer like *La chica está llevando una camisa de color morado*. (The girl is wearing a purple shirt.), even if it describes something happening right now, would be incorrect. The right answer would be *La chica lleva una camisa de color morado*.