

## Translating present and past continuous (past progressive) verbs

We know now that the ending of a Latin verb not only tells us **WHO** is doing the verb, but also **WHEN** the verb happened.

present tense (action is happening now)		past continuous (past progressive) tense (action was happening over a period of time in the past)
<b>-o</b>	I	<b>-bam</b>
<b>-s</b>	you	<b>-bas</b>
<b>-t</b>	he/she/it	<b>-bat</b>
<b>-mus</b>	we	<b>-bamus</b>
<b>-tis</b>	y'all/you (plural)	<b>-batis</b>
<b>-nt</b>	they	<b>-bant</b>

### Exercise 1

Sort the words below into the correct tense groups. The first one has been done to show you how.

~~amabam~~    amant                    consumebas                    consumitis  
 audimus            audiebat            habebamus            curabamus            habes  
                   curris                    videbatis            video                    dabant  
 vocant                    currebatis            curamus            dat            vocabam

present tense	past continuous (past progressive) tense
	amabam

### **Exercise 2**

Translate the following Latin verbs. Watch out, there's a mixture of present and past continuous, so take a look at the ending to see:

- when the verb is happening
- who's doing it

Then look at the beginning of the verb to see what's happening (use your word lists if you need help with the verb meaning). The first one has been done to show you how.

amat	he/she/it loves	habebam	
consumebat		habent	
consumis		videbatis	
audiebant		curabamus	
audimus		curo	
videtis		vocas	
dabatis		curris	
das		vocabas	
currebat		amabant	

### **Exercise 3**

These sentences are all in the past continuous tense. Translate them. Tip: look at the verb first to see

- who's doing the action
- if there's a subject
- if there's an object

1. porcum curabam \_\_\_\_\_

2. regina magam audiebat \_\_\_\_\_

3. feminae equos amabant \_\_\_\_\_

4. aquam dabatis \_\_\_\_\_

5. medicum vocabas \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Exercise 4 (extension)**

These sentences contain either a past continuous verb, or a present verb. Translate the sentences. Tip: look at the verb first to see:

- when the verb is happening
- who's doing the action
- if there's a subject
- if there's an object

1. feminae vaccas curant \_\_\_\_\_
2. stellas videbamus \_\_\_\_\_
3. regina equum amat \_\_\_\_\_
4. per campos currebamus \_\_\_\_\_
5. medicus bonus magam malam vocabat \_\_\_\_\_
6. vacca sordida in villa bella currebat \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Exercise 5 (extension)**

Can you make one sentence (or more!) containing a past continuous verb? Don't forget to write the English translation underneath.