

Present Continuous: The Resort

READING TEXT

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their children, Charles, Henry, Mary and Jane, are staying at a summer resort. The hotel has a sign with the word “Oceanside” below two windows. Just below this sign under the windows there is a black and white, striped canopy. It is a very warm day; the sun is shining brightly. The windows are all open, and people are outside under the canopy and under a big umbrella to get shade from the sun. Mrs. Smith is wearing a red and white striped dress. All the women have cotton dresses on because it is a hot day. One of the boys has a big beach ball under one arm and a towel under the other. His name is Henry Smith. He has his red bathing suit on. He wants to play soccer with his friends on the sand. The children usually lay on the beach or swim in the blue water. Charles Smith swims every day to a big black rock. I can just see one of his arms out of the water. He swims very well. There are some other boys and girls in the water too. They are not good swimmers. They want to learn, so a young man is teaching them how to swim. His name is John Tilden. Two of the girls at the resort have rackets in their hands and are wearing white tennis shoes. One of the girls is Mary Smith. She plays tennis very well. The other girl is Jane Smith. She doesn’t play very well, but Mary is teaching her how to play tennis on the grass behind the building. Mr. Smith is walking slowly to the sea. He is carrying a book in his hand. He wants to sit down and read his book. He is looking for a place in the shade. There is a little boy on a bicycle. He doesn’t ride very well. His father is holding the bicycle while his son tries to ride it. That is the way to enjoy life on a beautiful day at the beach.

Why is the SIMPLE PRESENT used in this reading text? Why is the PRESENT CONTINUOUS used?

Answer the following questions.

1. Where is the Smith family? _____
2. At what resort are they staying? _____
3. What is below the windows? _____
4. How is the weather? _____
5. What is Mrs. Smith wearing? _____
6. What does Henry want to do? _____

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- 7. Is Charles Smith a good swimmer? _____
- 8. What does John Tilden do? _____
- 9. Where do Mary and Jane play tennis? _____

Write a sentence with each of the following words and expressions.

- 1. **RESORT** _____
- 2. **BELOW** _____
- 3. **STRIPED** _____
- 4. **CANOPY** _____
- 5. **TO SHINE** _____
- 6. **BRIGHT** _____
- 7. **UNDER** _____
- 8. **SHADE** _____
- 9. **SUN** _____
- 10. **TOWEL** _____
- 11. **RACKET** _____
- 12. **A BATHING SUIT** _____
- 13. **SAND** _____
- 14. **BEACH** _____
- 15. **TO SWIM** _____
- 16. **ROCK** _____
- 17. **BEHIND** _____
- 18. **TO HOLD** _____

HOW ABOUT YOU?

1. Do you play tennis or ride a bike? _____
2. What do you do at the beach? _____
3. Are you a good swimmer? _____