01 Active Grammar: What are you doing?

ESL Materials: Speaking Skills

Practise the present continuous tense (*be* + ___*ing*) and a time question.

Conversation

① **Repeat** each line of the conversation 4 times.

A:	What are you doing?
B:	I'm waiting for the **coffee shop** to open.
A:	Oh yeah? What time does it open?
B:	I think it opens at **8:00**. *(eight)*

② **Shadow** your teacher reading the conversation 4 times.

③ **Practise** the conversation, changing "A" and "B" roles with your partner.

④ **Substitute** the underlined words with the following, and practise the conversation:

post office	9:15	*nine fifteen*
library	9:30	*nine thirty*
museum	9:45	*nine forty-five*
gym	10:00	*ten*

⑤ **Produce** conversations by thinking of new words to complete the blanks. Use the following phrases so that you can THINK and SPEAK at the same time:

What am I doing?
Let me see...
Let me think...
That's a good question!

⑥ **Challenge** yourself by trying the conversation without looking at it!

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02 Active Grammar: What were you doing?

ESL Materials: Speaking Skills

Practise the past continuous (*was/were* + ___*ing*) in a conversation.

Conversation

① **Repeat** each line of the conversation 4 times.

A:	What were you doing in the kitchen?
B:	Oh, I was just **looking for something to eat**.
A:	Did you remember to feed the **cat**?
B:	Oh sorry, I wasn't thinking.

② **Shadow** your teacher reading the conversation 4 times.

③ **Practise** the conversation, changing "A" and "B" roles with your partner.

④ **Substitute** the underlined words with the following, and practise the conversation:

getting a biscuit	dog
making a sandwich	goldfish
making some soup	chickens
washing the dishes	children

⑤ **Produce** conversations by thinking of new words to complete the blanks. Use the following phrases so that you can THINK and SPEAK at the same time:

What was I doing?
Let me see...
Let me think...
That's a good question!

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03 Active Grammar: Have you seen my phone?

ESL Materials: Speaking Skills

Practise the present perfect tense (*have done*) in a conversation.

Conversation

① **Repeat** each line of the conversation 4 times.

A:	Have you seen my **phone**?
B:	No. Have you looked in the kitchen?
A:	Yeah, I've already checked. *It's* not there.
B:	Well, maybe *it's* **in your car**.

② **Shadow** your teacher reading the conversation 4 times.

③ **Practise** the conversation, changing "A" and "B" roles with your partner.

④ **Substitute** the underlined words with the following, and practise the conversation:

pen	in your pocket	
watch	in your bag	
cat	in the bathroom	
glasses	on your desk	*it's → they're*

⑤ **Produce** conversations by thinking of new words to complete the blanks. Use the following phrases so that you can THINK and SPEAK at the same time:

Have I seen your phone?
In the kitchen?
Let me see… / Let me think...
That's a good question!

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04 Active Grammar: Have you ever been to Tokyo?

ESL Materials: Speaking Skills

Practise the present perfect tense to talk about experiences.

Conversation

① **Repeat** each line of the conversation 4 times.

A:	Have you ever **been to Tokyo**?
B:	Yeah, I **went there** last summer.
A:	Oh really? What *was it* like?
B:	*It was* amazing. I highly recommend *it*!

② **Shadow** your teacher reading the conversation 4 times.

③ **Practise** the conversation, changing "A" and "B" roles with your partner.

④ **Substitute** the underlined words with the following, and practise the conversation:

seen *Titanic*	watched it on TV	
been surfing	gave it a try	
had an accident	broke my leg	
eaten frog's legs	tried them	*was → were, it → they / them.*

⑤ **Produce** conversations by thinking of new words to complete the blanks. Use the following phrases so that you can THINK and SPEAK at the same time:

Have I ever been to Tokyo?
What *was it* like?
Let me see… / Let me think...
That's a good question!

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05 Active Grammar: I hadn’t seen him in years.

ESL Materials: Speaking Skills

Practise the past perfect tense in a conversation about last night.

Conversation

① **Repeat** each line of the conversation 4 times.

A:	How was the **concert** last night?
B:	It was good. I hadn’t been to one before.
A:	Really? Sorry I couldn’t go. Was **Tom** there?
B:	Yeah. I hadn’t seen *him* in years, so it was good to catch up.

② **Shadow** your teacher reading the conversation 4 times.

③ **Practise** the conversation, changing "A" and "B" roles with your partner.

④ **Substitute** the underlined words with the following, and practise the conversation:

opera	Lucy	*him → her*
auction	James	
TED talk	Anna	
poetry reading	Dominic	

⑤ **Produce** conversations by thinking of new words to complete the blanks. Use the following phrases so that you can THINK and SPEAK at the same time:

So…
By the way…
I was wondering...
What’s his/her name?

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06 Active Grammar: She had been asking for one.

ESL Materials: Speaking Skills

Practise the past perfect continuous tense in a natural conversation.

Conversation

① **Repeat** each line of the conversation 4 times.

A: I finally got Amy **a new watch**, because she'd been **asking for one** for ages, and then guess what?

B: I don't know. What?

A: She didn't even like *it!*

B: You're kidding. Unbelievable!

② **Shadow** your teacher reading the conversation 4 times.

③ **Practise** the conversation, changing "A" and "B" roles with your partner.

④ **Substitute** the underlined words with the following, and practise the conversation:

a new bag	wanting one	
new shoes	asking for some	*it* → *them*
concert tickets	dying to go	*it* → *them*
a new phone	begging for one	

⑤ **Produce** conversations by thinking of new words to complete the blanks. Use the following phrases so that you can THINK and SPEAK at the same time:

So…
Get this…
You won't believe this…
Oh! I meant to tell you…

⑥ **Challenge** yourself by trying the conversation without looking at it!

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