

Continuous aspect and vocabulary for reviews

FCE Result Unit 4

FCE Use of English Part Two open cloze and FCE Writing Part Two reviews

For questions 1-20 below, read the sentences and think of the word which best fills each gap. Use **one word only** in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

A

0. I _____ AM _____ already looking forward to the *sequel*.
1. I only watch this *soap opera* on *the box* once or twice _____ month, but it is really *addictive* – a kind of *guilty pleasure*.
2. I hardly _____ watch *rom-coms* nowadays, but I made an exception for this one due to it *starring* two of my favourite actors.
3. *I'd also recommend* the *delicious dessert buffet*, which starts _____ 3:30.
4. I'm trying to look after my health _____ the moment, so we chose *to dine* at a *well-regarded vegan bistro* in the town centre.

B

5. I have been going to noodle restaurants _____ years, but I have never eaten anything quite like what the *signature dish* in Ramen Raymond.
6. It was by far the most *revolting* meal I have _____ eaten.
7. There hasn't been such a *charming* and enchanting *musical* _____ Beauty and the Beast was *released*.

C

8. After seeing the *décor* we _____ feeling quite *pessimistic* about the food as we *waited to be served*, but from the first *mouthful* the *taste* just *blew us away*.
9. I *really* _____ *into* this *hilarious sitcom* while I was living in the UK, and it has finally come to *viewers* in Japan.
10. I first came across this *novella* _____ I was taking a creative writing course in a night school a few years ago.
11. I first saw this *cop show* when I _____ just randomly *channel hopping* but I soon decided it was something that I would sit down to watch every week.
12. I usually avoid *horror films*, but my husband dragged me along to this one, and I'm glad he _____.

D

13. I had _____ looking forward to seeing this "*masterpiece*" for ages, but I'm afraid I was *disappointed*.
14. We _____ heard that this was *one of the best* Thai restaurants in town, but we found it to be *nothing special*.
15. We were *dreading the bill*, but it wasn't as much as we _____ expected.

E

16. *I'd highly recommend* seeing this *original* and *memorable* film, but I don't think it will still be *showing* _____ time next week.
17. *If you like fantasy films, then you* _____ love this *prequel* to the Lord of the Rings *series of movies*.
18. This film *won't disappoint* _____ you like other recent Adam Sandler movies, but for the rest of us it is probably *best avoided*.
19. This *highly original play* will close _____ two weeks, so *rush out and* buy a ticket to *make sure you don't miss* it.
20. I don't think I'll _____ find another restaurant with such a *nice atmosphere*.

Start checking with these mixed-up answers. Some go in more than one place above.

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AT
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WHEN
WHILE
WILL

Check as a class. Other words not in the mixed answers above may also be possible, so please check if you wrote something different.

What tenses are around or associated the words in the gaps above? Which words are associated with particular tenses above?

Why are the two tenses used in the places that they are? What are the differences between the two tenses in each of the sections above?

What is the general meaning of the Continuous Aspect? (= What do continuous tenses have in common?)

Continuous aspect gapfill

Fill the gaps below with the correct tenses:

A: Present Simple and Present Continuous

- It _____ (presently break) *box-office* records in *cinemas* all over Japan.
- There are several *pubs* called "The Green Sheep", but I _____ (write) about the one in Ebisu, *famous* for its *unique genuine* British pub garden.
- We _____ (already plan) to visit again, this time for the more *luxurious dinner menu*.

B: Present Perfect (Simple) and Present Perfect Continuous

- I _____ (never see) a film with so many *twists in the plot*.
- We _____ (wait) nearly twenty years for another movie *featuring* Whoopie Goldberg, and it was *worth the wait!*

C: Past Simple and Past Continuous

- I _____ (look forward to) this *sequel* due to how much I enjoyed the original film, but unfortunately *it didn't meet my expectations*.
- I don't want to give away *the plot*, but I will say that the *ending* _____ (catch) me completely by surprise.
- The band _____ (already play) when we _____ (arrive), but we were still *instantly bored*.
- This is a Hollywood *remake* of the *classic* French *comedy* *Le Cage Aux Folles*, which _____ originally filmed in the 1960s.

D: Past Perfect (Simple) and Past Perfect Continuous

- I've seen most of Roman Polanski's films, some of them two or three times, but I _____ (never see) *Rosemary's Baby* until last year.

E: Future Simple (= future with will) and Future Continuous

- Although it's the *poshest* restaurant in town, you _____ (not regret) *paying a premium*.
- I confidently predict that we _____ (still talk) about this *brunch* this time next year.

Check as a class.

Ask about any vocabulary above that you don't understand, e.g. the words in *italics*, working together to use it to describe real movies, music, etc each time.

Vocabulary for reviews brainstorming

*Try to remember or think of vocabulary in these categories, e.g. the words in italics above.
If something could go in more than one place, you only have to write it once.*

Vocabulary connected to movies**Vocabulary related to TV****Vocabulary related to the theatre (Shakespeare etc)****Vocabulary related to literature****Vocabulary related to food and drink (and the places you have them)**

Positive words and expressions

Negative words and expressions

Vocabulary which could be positive or negative

Look at the previous worksheets above for suitable vocabulary such as the words in italics, then brainstorm more.

Compare as a class.

Suggested answers

There are many other possible answers and some words could go in more than one place, so please check if you wrote something different.

Vocabulary connected to movies

- sequel.
- rom-com
- starring
- released
- (horror) film
- showing
- fantasy
- prequel
- series of movies.
- box-office (records)
- cinemas
- (twists in the) plot
- featuring
- sequel
- ending
- remake
- classic
- comedy

Vocabulary related to TV

- soap opera
- the box
- sitcom
- viewer
- cop show
- channel hopping

Vocabulary related to the theatre (Shakespeare etc)

- play

Vocabulary related to literature

- novella

Vocabulary related to food and drink (and the places you have them)

- delicious
- buffet
- to dine
- vegan
- bistro
- (signature) dish
- décor
- to be served
- mouthful
- atmosphere
- pubs
- dinner (menu)
- brunch

Positive words and expressions

- favourite
- I'd (highly) recommend...
- delicious
- well-regarded
- charming
- enchanting
- blew us away
- (really) get into
- hilarious
- masterpiece
- looking forward to
- one of the best
- original
- memorable
- If you like... (then) you'll love...
- won't disappoint
- rush out and
- make sure you don't miss it.
- nice
- famous
- unique
- genuine British pub garden.
- We are already planning to visit again
- luxurious
- worth the wait
- you won't regret...

Negative words and expressions

- revolting
- pessimistic
- “ ”
- disappointed
- nothing special
- dreading
- best avoided.
- it didn't meet my expectations.
- (instantly) bored

Vocabulary which could be positive or negative

- addictive
- guilty pleasure.
- caught me completely by surprise.
- posh
- paying a premium

Find a restaurant, café, bar, TV programme, film, book, or play (including musical) that you both know and use vocabulary from above to describe it. Do you have the same opinions?