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**La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.**

**SUBJECT:**

"All accounts of the English progressive observe that certain verbs are normally incompatible with the progressive. These verbs seem to belong to the class of stative verbs."

Laurel J. BRINTON, *The Development of English Aspectual Systems*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988, p. 38.

Discuss.

Candidates will use relevant excerpts from the following corpus to address the above topic.

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### Excerpt 1

She is 32 years old and works for a social networking site for Latinas. Back in 2008, Nicole was a Clinton supporter.  
 "Clinton or Sanders? Young Democrats Weigh In", *Kera News*, 2016, < [www.keranews.org](http://www.keranews.org) >, last accessed in 2020

### Excerpt 2

She asked me if I was being myself. How could they not like me if I was being myself? (There's the parental comment heard 'round the globe: *How could they not like you? You're wonderful!*)

"I don't know if I'm being myself, Mom. How am I supposed to know that? I'm too busy trying to be someone that they like to know if I'm truly being myself."

"Well, are you being funny? You are so funny, Melissa. People tell you that all the time, and they are right, you can make people laugh and that's why I cannot figure out why you aren't making good friends, you aren't being off-color are you, don't go for the easy laugh, Melissa, really successful comedians never go for the easy laugh and I certainly don't want you doing that in the seventh grade."

Melissa Radke, *Eat Cake. Be Brave*, 2018

### Excerpt 3

The stench levels have raised again today with reports that Queenferry is smelling particularly 'rank' this morning. A putrid stench which has blighted Deeside air quality over the last few days appears to be drifting away this afternoon.

"What the hell is that smell", *Deeside.com*, 2016, < [www.deeside.com](http://www.deeside.com) >, last accessed in 2020

### Excerpt 4

"It's a very casual evening," said Jamie McGonnigal, one of the organizers. "What I am hoping to capture is the feeling that you are just sitting in a living room, listening to these actors."

Rebecca Ritzel, "Actors from *Once* and *Mormon* going off-script for charity", *The Washington Post*, 2015, COCA

### Excerpt 5

Then we bought a lovely horse called Prince with much better breeding than the others. He possessed a lovely long tail which swept right down to the ground and it was a lovely sight to see him turn round. Uncle was always wanting to have that tail cut shorter and we had quite a few battles about it, [...].

Hannah Hauxwell & Barry Cockcroft, *Seasons of my Life: the Story of a Solitary Daleswoman*, 1989, BNC

### Excerpt 6

"Pretending and its impact". Only in the theatre can anyone else define you. In real life if someone casts you in a role of their own making, they are playing "let's pretend". If someone defines you, even in subtle ways, they are *pretending* to know the unknowable.

Patricia Evans, *Controlling People*, 2002

### Excerpt 7

A mile from Brodick on the Lochranza road, this is one of Scotland's more successful island businesses; its soaps, gels and perfumes are found nationwide. The shop smells particularly good.

"Arran Aromatics", *Lonely Planet*, < [www.lonelyplanet.com](http://www.lonelyplanet.com) >, last accessed in 2020

### Excerpt 8

What if I decide to take the test?

If you are thinking about having a test for HIV then it is extremely important that you follow these guidelines: [...].

Leaflet (T. Higgins Trust), 1991, BNC

### Excerpt 9

Smith has been with the Club for just over a fortnight since his arrival from Sheffield United, but feels he has settled in quickly.

"I'm loving it here. Everyone has welcomed me really well. To come off with the winner today – there's nothing much better than that."

"There's No Better Feeling - Tyler Smith", *Rochdale A.F.C.*, 2020, < [www.rochdaleafc.co.uk](http://www.rochdaleafc.co.uk) >, last accessed in 2020

### Excerpt 10

Edward Drexil: Nobody 'makes trouble' for me, Mr Crane, not if they've any sense.

Tom Crane: [angry] Are you threatening me?

Edward Drexil: I'm merely suggesting you leave well alone. Don't meddle in things that don't concern you and which you don't know enough about.

"The Undiscovered Country", *The Omega Factor* (TV Series), 1979

### Excerpt 11

All my friends are looking awful.

That was my thought when I briefly dipped off of Instagram last week for a minute, despite the fact that I have an ironclad rule against even looking at social media in the summer. Turns out, of course, what I was seeing was a series of altered photos, instantly aging, for instance, a twenty-five year-old into a virtual eighty-five year-old.

"Why People Love the Aging Face App", *Russell Moore*, 2019, < [www.russellmoore.com](http://www.russellmoore.com) >, last accessed in 2020

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### Excerpt 12

"You mean the salt and pepper," corrected Endill. "Yes, that's what I said." "No, you said kangaroo then fishtank and battleship," replied Endill. "Did I?" The boy seemed to be remembering something. "Oh yes. I'm sorry. I was getting mixed up. I meant the salt and the... the... the other one."

Stuart McDonald, *The Adventures of Endill Swift*, 1990

### Excerpt 13

When tots find themselves in a friendship tiff, caregivers should first wait a bit to see if the kids can work it out themselves. Often, a simple, "Are you being a friend?" can encourage children toward more pro-social behavior.

"Helping Kids Navigate Toxic Friendships", *Calgary's Child*, < [www.calgaryschild.com](http://www.calgaryschild.com) >, last accessed in 2020

### Excerpt 14

But following his visit to the site of the Amritsar massacre in India, the Prime Minister ruled out the return of the gem as a further mark of atonement for Britain's imperial past [...]: "They're not having that back."

"Koh-i-Noor Diamond Will Not Be Returned to India", *HuffPost*, 2013, < [www.huffingtonpost.co.uk](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk) >, last accessed in 2020

### Excerpt 15

"Indeed, the very word *druid* translates to 'having the wisdom of the oaks'." She paused when he didn't respond to that claim. "I can see that you're not believing me".

JoAnn Ross, *Legends Lake*, 2001

### Excerpt 16

I hope that you will accept, Madam Deputy Speaker, that I am not accusing the Prime Minister of misleading the House; I merely suggest that he was extremely badly briefed in saying what he said.

"House of Commons Hansard Debates for 15 Jul 2003", *UK Parliament*, 2003, < <https://publications.parliament.uk> >, last accessed in 2020

### Excerpt 17

"I'm hooking you up with the one guy I know who's claimed to see a Bigfoot up close around here lately."

"So your father's seen them, and you don't believe him?"

"It's not that I don't believe him, Nathan. I'm just not sure that he's seen what he thinks he's seen."

John Vandeventer, *Relics*, 2017

### Excerpt 18

Iguodala, 36, last played June 13, 2019, in the playoffs for Golden State but says he feels great after the time away. A two-year, \$30 million extension from the Heat didn't hurt, either. "I still feel like I have a lot of time left and I think it'll show," he said. "I'm sure I can get out there right now but I want to be in a position where I'm not being a hindrance. I want to be a plus and a positive every step of the way."

"Kings Make 19 3-Pointers, Thump Heat 105-97", *CBS Sacramento*, 2020, < <https://sacramento.cbslocal.com> >, last accessed in 2020

### Excerpt 19

He nodded. "How is Melissa holding up?"

"She's doing pretty well. I can tell it's weighing on her, especially not being able to stay in her house."

Sheryl Lister, *It's You That I Need*, 2015

### Excerpt 20

Tourists were standing at the edge of the volcanic crater 30 minutes before it erupted. A tour group was on the main crater on White Island moments before it started to erupt.

"Tourists were standing at the edge of the volcanic crater 30 minutes before it erupted", *ABC News*, 2019, < [www.abc.net.au](http://www.abc.net.au) >, last accessed in 2020

### Excerpt 21

"You want me put away, so you can take everything!" His back stiffened and he swept the money towards his chest. "You and that wife o' yourn... you want me put away. You want to finish me off. That's why you took the boy away from me... sent him away to sea." "Now you're imagining things." David's anger was returning. "Matthew went to sea of his own accord. As for putting you away, nothing could be further from my mind, Father. Even if I didn't love you as I do, I know my duty. As long as I live, I'll take care of you, you can be sure of that."

Josephine Cox, *Don't Cry Alone*, 1992, BNC

### Excerpt 22

If she tells me to my face it's over and she no longer loves me I will accept this but I need to hear this from her before I can move on. I'm not accepting it's over on her sister's say-so.

"The day I realised I was an emotional abuser", *The Telegraph*, 2016, < [www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk) >, last accessed in 2020

### Excerpt 23

Chairman: An awful lot of thought should have gone into the Memorandum of Understanding in 1997. Are you saying that there was less rigorous thought going into that, Sir John? I want Sir John to answer that because it is a bit of a flippant answer.

Sir John Gieve: I was not intending to be flippant. I was trying to make a point.

"Examination of Witnesses", *UK Parliament*, 2017, < <https://publications.parliament.uk> >, last accessed in 2020