Risk Management



EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Understand and practice the continuous tenses. Learn and use vocabulary linked to risk management at work.

In every working environment we take some risks, we could say they were calculated risks. However we also take preventative measures to avoid work related injuries. By assessing the risks involved in each situation and managing these risks, injuries and other conditions can be avoided. Training and awareness building is essential.

Activity One - Risks at work - Answer the questions:

1. Are you aware of the risks related to you job?
2. What kind of risks are there?
3. What do you do to avoid being affected by these risks?
4. What are the most common injuries or issues faced by workers in your department?

Activity Two - Risk assessment.

Describe the risks involved in the situations illustrated below and explain how they can be avoided:















Easy Access English.



Activity Three - **Continuous Tenses in English**… Quick Review.

The continuous tenses (incomplete tenses) include:

- Present Continuous ("I am assessing")
- Past Continuous ("I was assessing")
- Future Continuous ("I will be assessing")

They are formed with the progressive (continuous) aspect.
This aspect indicates that an action or state, past, present, or future, was, is or will be unfinished at the time referred to. They are only used in this type of situation. If the action is complete we use the simple tenses (present simple past simple - I assess, I assessed).

We often use the simple past combined with the past continuous to show an action being interrupted by another event or action: (I was assessing his progress when suddenly he stopped working). We also use the continuous tenses with the word 'always' to talk about a repeated action. (I am always telling people about risks at work, I was always warning him to wear his protective shoes but he didn't listen).

The continuous aspect is formed by the auxiliary verb "to be" and the -ing form (the present participle).

Continuous + perfect

If we combine the continuous and perfect tenses, we get:

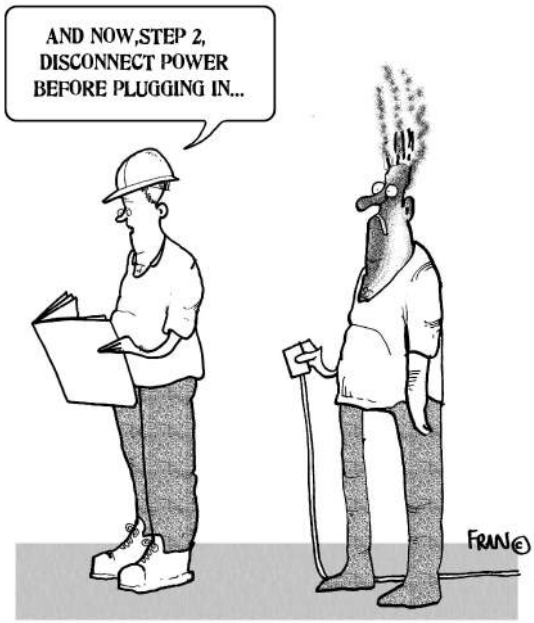
- Present Perfect Continuous ("I have been assessing")
- Past Perfect Continuous ("I had been assessing")
- Future Perfect Continuous ("I will have been assessing")

NOW - Go back to the images in activity three and **explain the following using the continuous tenses:**

1/ What is happening in the images?
2/ What was happening when the accident occurred?

Activity Four - Look at the following images and explain which work related risk they are linked to. Describe **what is happening** in the images and then again **what was happening** when the action occurred.





Activity Five - Money for nothing - Listen to the Dire Straits song Money For nothing and find information to answer these questions:

1. Which two work environments are described?
2. Which job is more difficult?
3. Which job makes money for nothing?
4. What work related injuries are referred to?

Activity Six - Read the **guidelines** (from HSE - Health and Safety executive) paying attention to your intonation and stress.

"To do a risk assessment, you need to understand what, in your business, might cause harm to people and decide whether you are doing enough to prevent that harm. Once you have decided that, you need to identify and prioritise putting in place, appropriate and sensible control measures. Start by:

- identifying what can harm people in your workplace
- identifying who might be harmed and how
- evaluating the risks and deciding on the appropriate controls, taking into account the controls you already have in place
- recording your risk assessment
- reviewing and updating your assessment

You should be able to show from your assessment that:

- a proper check was made
- all people who might be affected were considered
- all significant risks have been assessed
- the precautions are reasonable
- the remaining risk is low

You do not need to include insignificant risks. You do not need to include risks from everyday life unless your work activities increase the risk."

Activity Seven - Use the following verbs with the past continuous to describe a work related accident or condition.

TWIST - FALL - WARN - PICK UP - DROP - TURN ON - BEND OVER - FEEL STRESSED - RUSH - SLIP - BURN - SPILL - CRASH - SHOOT - CARRY - LIFT

Activity Eight - Create your own risk assessments for these jobs:

A. A Starbuck's Employee.

B. Queen Elizabeth's Body Guard.

C. A Formula 1 Racing Driver.

D. Russia's Opposition Leader.

Activity Nine - In the continuous tenses explain an injury or accident that happened in your work place or that you heard about.

