



## GRAMMAR 4

**James uses a lot of examples of continuous tenses in his talk. Match the quote from the talk with its grammatical description.**

1. Now, my hand was kind of hovering on the delete button, right? I was looking at my phone. I thought, *I could just delete this*.

- a. Use a continuous tense to describe background actions or events going on when another event takes place.
- b. *Be* is not the only verb that we can use in continuous tenses. Other examples include *continue*, *try*, and *stop*.
- c. The verb in this sentence can be used instead of *will* to form the future continuous.
- d. This is not actually an example of a continuous tense; *-ing* forms can also be used as nouns.

2. "Dear James Veitch, We shall be shipping Gold to you."

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3. "We're ready for shipping as much gold as possible."

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4. I said, "Solomon, I spent all night coming up with this code we need to use in all further correspondence."

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