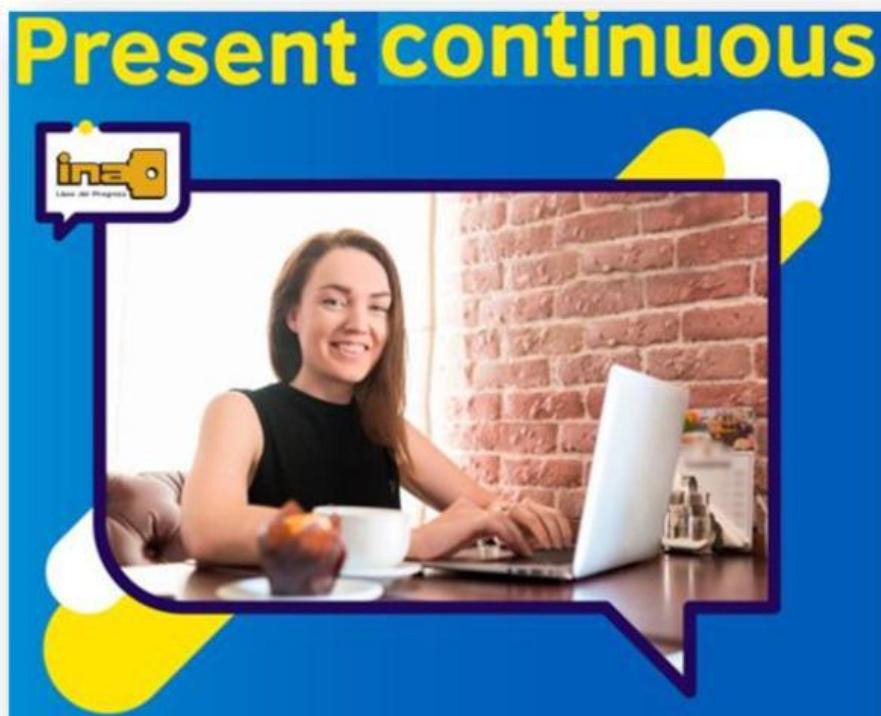


## LEARNING UNIT # 2/ PRESENT CONTINUOUS

How can you form statements, questions, and short answers in the *present continuous tense*? Study the **grammar reference charts** below.



### When do we use the present progressive?

#### Happening Now

It is snowing.  
She is eating lunch now.  
I'm driving my new car.

#### Temporary Actions

I'm working in New York this week.  
I'm staying here temporarily.

#### Fixed Plans

(often in the near future)  
I'm going out after work today.  
We're leaving early today.

#### Trends

More and more people are using their phones to access Facebook.

#### Longer Actions in Progress Now

She's studying to be a lawyer.  
He's training for the Olympics.

## WATCH THIS VIDEO



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## SPELLING RULES



### Words with one Syllable

- Verbs that end in -e (make / write etc.) → eing: **make** → **making**   **write** → **writing**   **drive** → **driving**
- Sometimes a word ends in a vowel + a consonant. For example: **get**, **run**, **swim**.  
Before adding -ing, the consonant at the end is 'doubled'.  
**get** → **getting**   **run** → **running**   **swim** → **swimming**
- Do NOT** double the letter if the word ends in two consonants.  
**help** → **helping**   **talk** → **talking**   **work** → **working**
- Do NOT** double the letter if the word ends in two vowels + a consonant. **look** → **looking**   **read** → **reading**   **speak** → **speaking**
- Do NOT** double the letter if the word ends in -w or -x or -y  
**snow** → **snowing**   **fix** → **fixing**   **buy** → **buying**

## 10 Examples of **Present Continuous** sentences

1. I **am** currently **writing** an essay.
2. You **are** **watching** TV right now.
3. She **is** **studying** for her exams.
4. He **is** **playing** football with his friends.
5. They **are** **having** a picnic in the park.
6. We **are** **cooking** dinner for tonight.
7. The kids **are** **playing** with their toys.
8. The sun **is** **setting** in the horizon.
9. The birds **are** **chirping** in the trees.
10. The teacher **is** **explaining** the lesson to the class.



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## 10 Examples of **Present Continuous negative** sentences

1. I **am** currently **not writing** an essay.
2. You **are not** **watching** TV right now.
3. She **is not** **studying** for her exams.
4. He **is not** **playing** football with his friends.
5. They **are not** **having** a picnic in the park.
6. We **are not** **cooking** dinner for tonight.
7. The kids **are not** **playing** with their toys.
8. The sun **is not** **setting** in the horizon.
9. The birds **are not** **chirping** in the trees.
10. The teacher **is not** **explaining** the lesson to the class.



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## 10 Examples of Present Continuous interrogative sentences

1. **Are you currently writing an essay?**
2. **Are you watching TV right now?**
3. **Is she studying for her exams?**
4. **Is he playing football with his friends?**
5. **Are they having a picnic in the park?**
6. **Are we cooking dinner for tonight?**
7. **Are the kids playing with their toys?**
8. **Is the sun setting in the horizon?**
9. **Are the birds chirping in the trees?**
10. **Is the teacher explaining the lesson to the class?**



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## Non-Action (Stative) Verbs

Some verbs **do not describe actions**. These verbs are called non-action verbs. They are also called stative verbs. **Do not use non-action verbs in the present-progressive tense, even when something is happening right now.**

### 1. Some non-action verbs express emotions.

admire	adore	appreciate	care	detest	dislike	doubt
envy	fear	hate	hope	like	love	mind
Example:			prefer	want		

✓ Carol **loves** (love) her grandmother.

✗ Carol *is loving* her grandmother.

✓ Doug **likes** (like) soccer.

✗ Doug *is liking* soccer.

### 2. Some non-action verbs describe senses.

feel	hear	notice	observe	perceive	see	smell	taste
✓ The music <input type="text"/> (sound) romantic.	✓ Yoko <input type="text"/> (feel) upset.						
✗ The music <i>is sounding</i> romantic.	✗ Yoko <i>is feeling</i> upset.						
✓ The cookies <input type="text"/> (taste) sweet.	✓ The fox <input type="text"/> (notice) the person.						
✗ The cookies <i>are tasting</i> sweet.	✗ The fox <i>is noticing</i> the person.						

### 3. Some non-action verbs describe **mental states**

agree assume believe consider disagree estimate expect find  
guess hesitate hope imagine know mean presume realize  
recognize remember understand wonder

✓ Carol <input type="text"/> (know) you. ✗ Carol is knowing you.	✓ They <input type="text"/> (recognize) her voice. ✗ They are recognizing her voice.
✓ She <input type="text"/> (understand) you. ✗ She is understanding you.	✓ He <input type="text"/> (find) it hard to believe. ✗ He is finding it hard to believe.

#### 4. Some non-action verbs show possession

belong	contain	have	include	involve	own	possess
✓ I <input type="text"/> (have) a red sports car.			✓ The book <input type="text"/> (belong) to him.			
✗ <i>I am having a red sports car.</i>			✗ <i>The book is belonging to him.</i>			
✓ The family <input type="text"/> (own) a dog.			✓ The price <input type="text"/> (include) tax.			
✗ <i>The family is owning a dog.</i>			✗ <i>The price is including tax.</i>			

5. Note that **be** is also a non-action verb.

✓ I  (be) tired now.  
✗ I am being tired now.

✓ He  (be) a student.  
✗ He is being a student.

## INFORMATION QUESTIONS

## **Why am I working?**

## **What** are you eating?

## **When** is he traveling?

## **What** is she doing?

## Why is it raining?

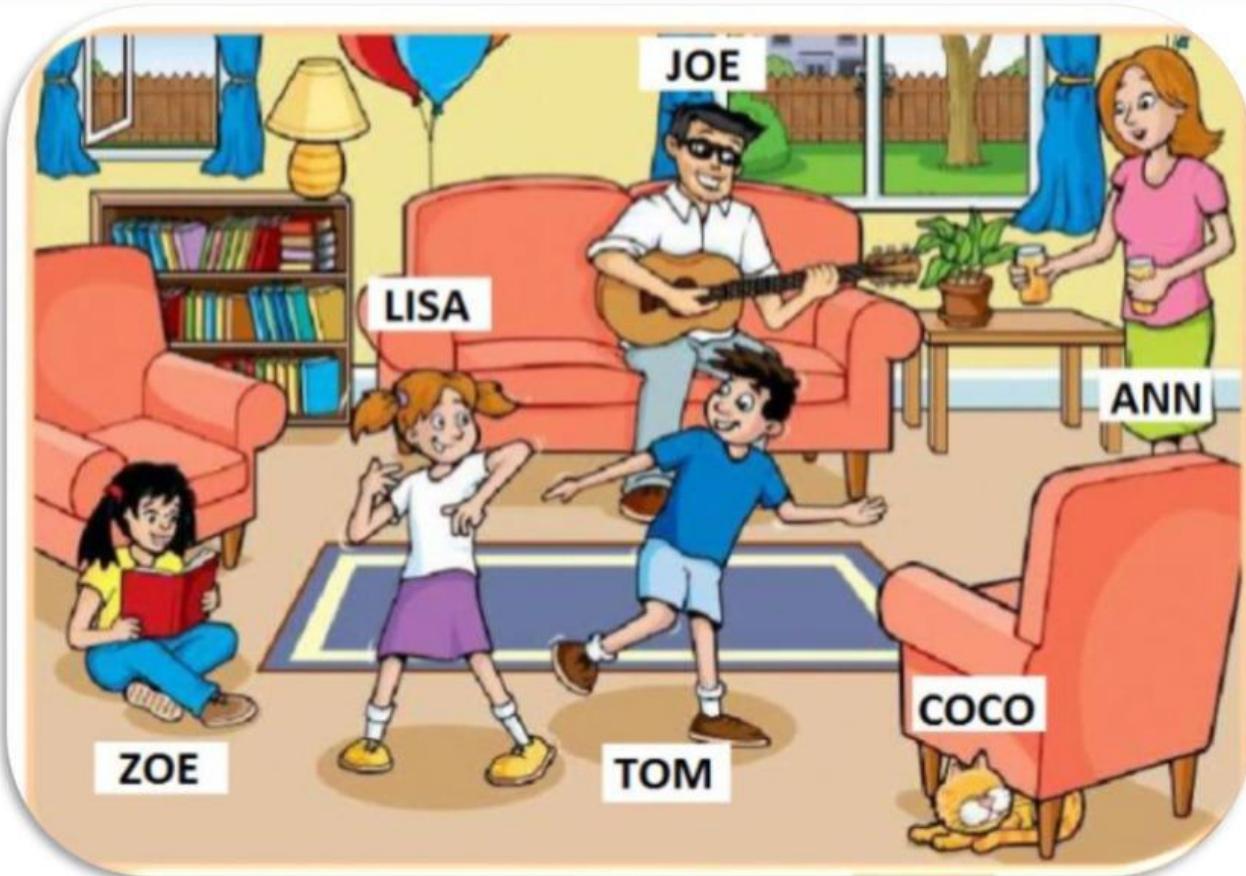
## **Who** are we meeting?

## **How** are they traveling?





**WRITTEN TASK #1:** Write a report about what each family member is doing. Use Present Progressive Only.



Write your ideas here:



**WRITTEN TASK #2:** Write a report about what each person is doing in this party. Use Present Progressive Only.



EAT – DRINK – SPEAK – LAUGH – SING – DANCE - LISTEN

Write your ideas here:

## LET'S LISTEN FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS



# Where is everyone?

Two people discuss what their family is doing at the moment.



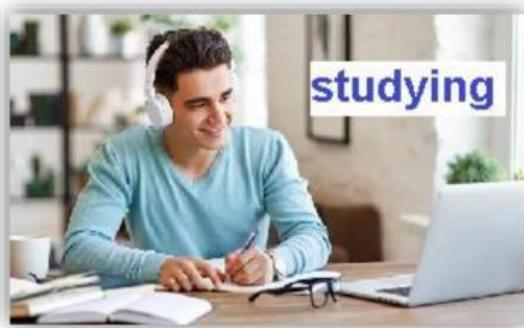
Instructions: Listen to the next audio and then choose the correct answer.

<b>EXERCISE</b> 1	What is John doing? He is _____. A) studying      B) resting      C) shopping
<b>EXERCISE</b> 2	What is Emma doing? She is _____. A) watching TV      B) shopping      C) studying
<b>EXERCISE</b> 3	What are Marcus and Emily doing? They are _____. A. working      B) having fun      C) studying
<b>EXERCISE</b> 4	What is Alex doing? He is _____. A) cooking      B) sleeping      C) leaving
<b>EXERCISE</b> 5	What is his mom doing? She is _____? A. cooking dinner      B) shopping      C) dancing
<b>EXERCISE</b> 6	What is his dad doing? He is _____. A. working      B) sleeping      C) golfing

**EXERCISE**

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What is his brother probably doing? He is \_\_\_\_\_.

**A****B****C****EXERCISE**

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What is his sister doing? She is \_\_\_\_\_.

A) studying at school      B) playing soccer      C) playing video games



Check how **PRESENT PROGRESSIVE** IS USED IN CONTEXT. Then, practice each dialogue with your classmates. Finally, and MAKE A ROLE PLAY IN WHICH YOU APPLY THE TARGET TOPIC.

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