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MODULE: **DESARROLLO DE PROCESOS DE COMUNICACIÓN EN INGLÉS A NIVEL PRINCIPIANTE**

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.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKzG_ZS-Ydg

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: g**et**, r**un**, sw**im.**
  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** → **fix*ing*** **buy** → **buy*ing***

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10 Examples of **Present Continuous sentences**

1. I **am** currently writ**ing** an essay.
2. You **are** watch**ing** TV right now.
3. She **is** study**ing** for her exams.
4. He **is** play**ing** football with his friends.
5. They **are** hav**ing** a picnic in the park.
6. We **are** cook**ing** dinner for tonight.
7. The kids **are** play**ing** with their toys.
8. The sun **is** sett**ing** in the horizon.
9. The birds **are** chirp**ing** in the trees.
10. The teacher **is** explain**ing** the lesson to the class.



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10 Examples of **Present Continuous negative sentences**

1. I **am** currently **not** writ**ing** an essay.
2. You **are not** watch**ing** TV right now.
3. She **is not** study**ing** for her exams.
4. He **is not** play**ing** football with his friends.
5. They **are not** hav**ing** a picnic in the park.
6. We **are not** cook**ing** dinner for tonight.
7. The kids **are not** play**ing** with their toys.
8. The sun **is not** sett**ing** in the horizon.
9. The birds **are not** chirp**ing** in the trees.
10. The teacher **is not** explain**ing** 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 need prefer want

Example:

✔ 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 _____ (sound) romantic.
✖ *The music is sounding romantic.*

✔ Yoko _____ (feel) upset.
✖ *Yoko is feeling upset.*

✔ The cookies _____ (taste) sweet.
✖ *The cookies are tasting sweet.*

✔ The fox _____ (notice) the person.
✖ *The fox is noticing the person.*

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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 _____ (know) you.
✖ *Carol is knowing you.*

✔ They _____ (recognize) her voice.
✖ *They are recognizing her voice.*

✔ She _____ (understand) you.
✖ *She is understanding you.*

✔ He _____ (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 _____ (have) a red sports car.
✖ *I am having a red sports car.*

✔ The book _____ (belong) to him.
✖ *The book is belonging to him.*

✔ The family _____ (own) a dog.
✖ *The family is owning a dog.*

✔ The price _____ (include) tax.
✖ *The price is including tax.*

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.*

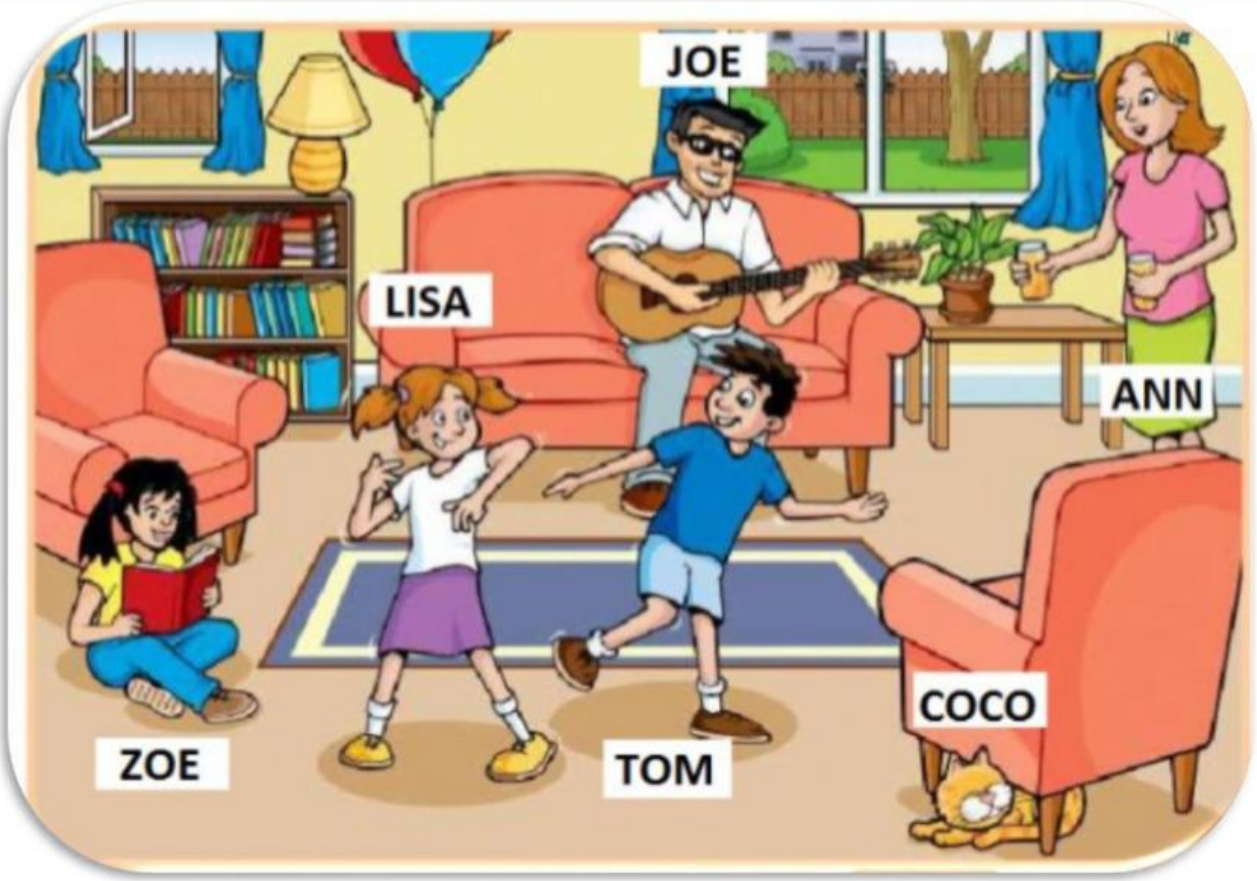
INFORMATION QUESTIONS
Why **am I working?**
What **are you eating?**
When **is he traveling?**
What **is she doing?**
Why **is it raining?**
Who **are we meeting?**
How **are they traveling?**



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



Write your ideas here:

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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:

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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.

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

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EXERCISE 7

What is his brother probably doing? He is_____.

A



B



C



EXERCISE 8

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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