



English – Year 1

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Read the text.

Helping at a hospital



Every year many young people in Britain finish school and then take a year off before they start work or go to university. Some of them go to other countries and work as volunteers.

Volunteers give their time to help people – for example, they work in schools or hospitals, or they help with conservation.

Mike Coleman is 19 and lives in Canterbury in England. He wants to become a teacher, but now he's living in Namibia. He's working in a hospital near Katima Mulilo. He says, 'I'm working with the doctors and nurses here to help sick people. I'm not a doctor but I can do a lot of things to help – for example, I help to carry people who can't walk. Sometimes I go to villages in the mobile hospital, too. There aren't many doctors here so they need help from people like me. I don't get any money – but that's OK, I'm not here for the money.

I'm staying here for two months and I'm living in a small house with five other volunteers. The work is hard and the days are long but I'm enjoying my life here. I'm learning a lot about life in southern Africa – and about myself! When I finish the two months' work, I want to travel in and around Namibia for three weeks – for example, I want to see the animals in the Okavango Delta in Botswana.'

Read the text again and choose the correct option.

- 1 Mike is _____ before he studies to be a teacher.
 - a taking a holiday
 - b finishing school
 - c taking a year off
- 2 He is _____ in Namibia.
 - a working in a hospital
 - b teaching in a school
 - c learning to be a doctor
- 3 He _____ for his work.
 - a needs a lot of help
 - b doesn't get any money
 - c gets a lot of money
- 4 He _____ in Namibia.
 - a is staying for six months
 - b is living in a big house
 - c is enjoying his life
- 5 When he finishes his work, he wants to _____.
 - a go home
 - b travel for three weeks
 - c learn about life in southern Africa

Read the text again and decide if the sentences are true or false. Write T or F in the spaces below.

- 1 Mike usually lives in England. ☐
- 2 Mike is training to become a doctor. ☐
- 3 Mike is unhappy because he doesn't get any money. ☐
- 4 Mike is living in a house with five other people. ☐
- 5 Mike wants to go home when he finishes his work. ☐

Pay attention to the underlined parts in the text:

- He's living.
- He's working.
- I'm working.
- I'm staying.
- I'm living.
- I'm enjoying.
- I'm learning.

These are examples of **present continuous**. We use it to talk about actions that we are doing **NOW**.

Read:

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Positive	Negative	Questions	Short answers
I'm (am) working	I'm not working	Am I working?	Yes, I am. No, I'm not.
you/we/they're (are) working	you/we/they aren't working	Are you/we/they working?	Yes, you/we/they are. No, you/we/they aren't.
he/she/it's (is) working	he/she/it isn't working	Is he/she/it working?	Yes, he/she/it is. No, he/she/it isn't.

Complete the sentences. Write the verbs in the **present continuous** form.

- 1 Sorry, Eddie isn't here. He 's taking (take) the dog for a walk.
- 2 Mike and Jane are in the living room. They _____ (watch) a film on DVD.
- 3 Hannah! You _____ (not listen) to me!
- 4 I can't talk now. I _____ (do) my homework.
- 5 A: _____ you _____ (watch) this programme? B: No, I'm not. Watch a different one if you want.
- 6 A: Maddy's upstairs in her room. B: Oh? Really? _____ she _____ (have) a rest?