

Grammar Note

Let's learn and practice

People around the world **are generating** a lot of waste.

The phrase in bold is written in the **present continuous tense**.



USAGE	EXAMPLES
a) Formula : Subject + verb to be (am, is, are) + verb + ing	
b) We use the present continuous tense for actions taking place at the time of speaking . Word usually used is : now	They are waiting for you now. She is watching television now. The bears and its cubs are returning to their den now.
c) We use it for actions that are going to happen in the near future .	I am visiting my uncle tomorrow. She is coming to our house next week. They are sitting for the exam next month. My friends and classmates are planning to celebrate my birthday this Saturday.
d) We also use it to refer to habits and things that happen over a period of time .	Mr. Joshua is resting at home after his surgery. They are studying in the university.



Exercise A : Complete the poster using the words below

Mum	Hello, dear! Is everything okay?
Dad	Hi. Everything's fine. Najmee _____ (sweep) the floor and Tina _____ (water) the plants in the garden.
Mum	How about Ariff? Is he sleeping?
Dad	No, he isn't. Arif _____ (play) with his toys. Where are you now?
Mum	I _____ (drive) home now.
Dad	That's great. Tina and I _____ (cook) dinner. See you soon. Drive safely.
Mum	I will. Bye.

Exercise B : Complete the sentences using present continuous tense.

1. He (not) is not watching (watch) a movie. He is reading (read) a book.
2. They (not) _____ (listen) to music. They _____ (sing) a song.
3. She (not) _____ (go) to work today. She _____ (take) the bus.
4. He (not) _____ (swim) in the sea. He _____ (build) a sandcastle on the beach.
5. I (not) _____ (eat) dinner at home tonight. I _____ (have) dinner at a restaurant.
6. Mother (not) _____ (bake) a cake in the kitchen. She _____ (wash) the dishes.



Exercise C : Complete the paragraph with the correct present continuous tense.



Encik Hakimi and the pupils of Year 6 Robotics are at a gotong-royong project. They _____(work) together to clean up their neighbourhood. Encik Hakimi _____ (clean) the drain. Najmee _____ (sort) out the rubbish. Kamini _____ (throw) the rubbish into the recycling bins. Asin _____(empty) the tyres filled with rainwater. The girls _____(sweep) the dead leaves. Some of the boys _____(use) the garbage bags to collect the dried leaves.

