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Under pressure

Grammar Present Continuous



INTRODUCTION

1 Work in pairs. Match pictures a–d to these events.

an awards ceremony a formal dinner a music festival a trade fair

2 ● 7.1 Listen to the first part of an interview with Claudia Oster. She is an events organizer. Answer the questions.

- 1 What events does she organize?
- 2 Where does she work?

3 ● 7.1 Listen again. Tick ✓ the things that Claudia does in her job.

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| 1 She books hotel rooms. | ☐ | 5 She speaks to journalists. | ☐ |
| 2 She arranges taxis for guests. | ☐ | 6 She books flights. | ☐ |
| 3 She talks to politicians. | ☐ | 7 She arranges trips for the guests. | ☐ |
| 4 She organizes a formal dinner. | ☐ | 8 She designs websites. | ☐ |

4 ● 7.2 Listen to the second part of the interview. Answer the questions.

- 1 What is Claudia doing this week?
- 2 What places is she visiting this week?

5 ● 7.2 Work in pairs. Choose the correct option. Listen again and check.

- 1 This week, Claudia is planning the menu for the dinner with ...
a her boss. b the chef.
- 2 Claudia is looking for hotel rooms for ...
a 200 people. b 2,000 people.
- 3 This week, Claudia is working ...
a ten hours a day. b twelve hours a day.
- 4 This week, Claudia's assistant isn't working because ...
a he's ill. b he's on holiday.



Focus

Read the examples and complete the rules.

At the moment, I **am organizing** the dinner for the awards ceremony.

He **isn't working** this week.

What **are you doing** this week?

Are you **planning** the menu right now? Yes, I **am**.

Are you **booking** the rooms now? No, I'm **not**.

We make the Present Continuous with the verb _____ + the **-ing** form of the verb.

We make short positive answers with Yes, I _____.

We make short negative answers with No, I _____.

Read the examples and complete the rules with **Present Simple** or **Present Continuous**.

Every year, I **organize** a big awards ceremony for sport.

At the moment, I'm **organizing** the dinner for the awards ceremony.

We use the _____ to talk about regular activities.

We use the _____ to talk about current activities.

► For more details and practice, go to the Review section on pages 86 and 87.

PRACTICE 6 Read four tweets from Claudia. Find one regular activity and one current activity in each tweet.

Claudia Oster @claudiaoster

2 Jan

In LA for the Golden Globes this week! I'm staying in the best hotel in town – the Beverly Hills Hotel. Tom Cruise always stays here!

Claudia Oster @claudiaoster

4 Jan

Every year, I help our celebrities choose their dresses for the Globes. Today, I'm working with a very, very famous actress! Her name? Sorry – top secret!

Claudia Oster @claudiaoster

6 Jan

This year, I'm organizing a party after the Globes for 700 guests! I normally only manage events for about 200!

Claudia Oster @claudiaoster

9 Jan

I usually cook a Swiss meal for my team after the event to say thank you – this year, I'm making fondue with cheese from my region, Appenzell. Delicious!

7 7.3 Circle the correct form to complete the phone conversation. Listen and check.

A Hi, Claudia. It's Karen. I'm *phoning* / I *phone*¹ about the Mobile Phone Congress in Geneva tonight.

B Hi, Karen. We *just finish* / We're *just finishing*² our preparations for the congress now. Is everything OK?

A There's a big problem, Claudia.

B What is it?

A It *snows* / It's *snowing*³ in New York. It *usually snows* / is *usually snowing*⁴ in winter, but today it's really bad. No planes *leave* / are *leaving*⁵ the airport!

B But the main speaker of the congress *travels* / is *travelling*⁶ from there today!

A That's right. His flight is delayed! We have no one to open the congress!

B OK. Don't panic. Fiona is here in Geneva and she *meets* / she's *meeting*⁷ some company directors right now, including Osamu Saito.

A Osamu Saito?

B He's very famous in the mobile phone business. He *often opens* / is *often opening*⁸ conferences in Japan. I'm sure he can do it.

A Oh, I hope so.

B Leave it with me – and don't worry. This *happens* / is *happening*⁹ all the time.

A Thanks, Claudia! I'm so pleased you're on the team!