

## Grammar Unit 5:

### Present Continuous Tense

#### Uses:

1. To express something that we are doing or is happening **now**.  
We **are studying** English **now**.
2. To express something that we are doing or is happening **for a period of time**.  
We **are staying** at my grandparents' house **for a month**.
3. To express a future **arrangement** ( things that are planned in our diary ).  
My class **is going** on a school trip **on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December**.

( + ) Subject + **VERB to be PRESENT** + verb in gerund + complements  
**am / is / are**                      **-ing form**

He's **drinking** a cold coke just now.

( - ) Subject + **VERB to be PRESENT** + **not** + verb in gerund + complements  
**am / is / are**                      **-ing form**

**I am not = I'm not**

**is not = isn't**

**are not = aren't**

( ? ) [ Wh- QUESTIONS ]+ VERB to be PRESENT + subject +verb in gerund+ comp?  
am / is / are -ing form

### Special points:

1. **-e ending:** -e disappears and we add -ing.  
dance / danc**ing**
2. **One syllable verb (c + v + c):**  
we double the last consonant and we add -ing.  
stop / stop**ping**  
clap / clapp**ing**

Attention! Help – Help**ing**, not help**ping** !!!

### 3. -y ending:

**-y** never disappears and we add -ing.  
play / play**ing**  
cry / cry**ing**

4. **-l ending:** we write **double l** and we add -ing.  
travel / travell**ing**

### 5. Two syllable verb, stressed at the end:

We double the last consonant and we add -ing.  
begin / begin**ning**

6. **-ie ending:** we change **-ie** to **y** and we add -ing.  
die / dy**ing**  
lie / ly**ing**

## TIME EXPRESSIONS:

### Present meaning (use 1):

Now	ara
Just now	ara mateix
Right now	ara mateix
Today	avui
At the moment	en aquest moment
In this moment	en aquest moment

### Present meaning (use 2):

This week month year (...)	aquesta setmana aquest mes aquest any (...)
These days weeks months years (...)	aquests dies aquestes setmanes aquests mesos aquests anys (...)
For a ... or 2,3,4 ... week/s month/s year/s (...)	durant un/a ... o 2,3,4 ... setmana/es mes/os any/s (...)

## Future meaning (arrangements / use 3):

Tomorrow	demà
The day after tomorrow	demà passat
Next .... day	el/la proper/a dia
week	setmana
year	any
class	class
(...)	(...)
On Monday (...) weekdays	el dilluns (...) dies de la setmana

Soon = aviat

Tonight = aquesta nit

### Position:

We place these time expressions **at the end of the sentence** and, occasionally, **at the beginning with comma**.

### EXAMPLES:

#### USE 1:

( + ) My father **is reading** a book **now**.

( - ) My father **isn't reading** a book **at the moment**.

( ? ) **Is** my father **reading** a book **right now**? Yes, he is / no, he isn't.

( ? ) What **is** my father **doing** **in this moment**? He's reading.

( ? ) What **is** my father **reading** **now**? He's reading a book.

## USE 2:

( + ) They **are living** with their grandparents **for a month**.

( - ) They **aren't living** with their grandparents **for two weeks**.

( ? ) **Are** they **living** with their grandparents **for a year**?  
Yes, they are / no, they aren't.

( ? ) Where **are** they **living** **for a month**?  
They're **living** at their grandparents' house.

( ? ) Who **are** they **living** with **for a week**?  
They **are living** with their grandparents.

## USE 3:

( + ) They **are buying** a new bike **next week**.

( - ) They **aren't buying** a new bike **next month**.

( ? ) **Are** they **buying** a new bike **next year**?  
Yes, they are / no, they aren't.

( ? ) What **are** they **buying** **next week**?  
They **are buying** a new bike.

## Present Simple and Present Continuous in contrast:

We use **Present Simple** to express **routines** and **Present Continuous** to talk about something is happening **now**.

I **usually have** water at lunch time but I'm **drinking** coke **today**.

We **normally walk** to school but we're **going** by car **now**.

**Important:**

**If you know the adverbs or time expressions used with each tense, you can choose the right form.**

**Stative verbs (verbs of feeling, perception and thinking) are not used in Present continuous.**

**I like this film / not I'm liking this film!!!**

**He knows the answer / not he's knowing the answer!!!**