

Lesson: G102

The Present Continuous

**Aim: To understand the form and function
of the present continuous**

A. **Use:** to describe things that are happening now, at the moment or around now. Look below and answer the questions with your teacher:

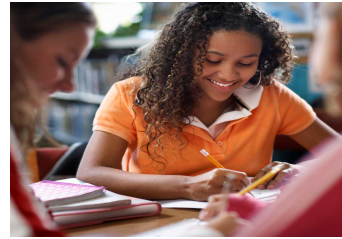
- What are they doing at the moment?



Carla is swimming



Mrs Smith is reading



The children are studying

- When is Carla swimming?
 - Now?
 - Yesterday?
 - We don't know?

B. **Construction (positive sentences). Read the following with your teacher:**

Conjugate the helping verb "be" + verb + -ing. Look at the example below with the verb 'work'

I'm (I am) -> working today.
You're (You are) -> working today.
He's (He is) -> working today.
She's (She is) -> working today.
It's (It is) -> working today.
We're (We are) -> working today.
You're (You are) -> working today.
They're (They are) -> working today.

- Now conjugate the verb 'to study'.

C. Practice. Look at the party picture below

Use the words in the blue box to tell your teacher about what they people are doing at the moment.

- smile
- share food together
- have party
- laugh
- eat food
- overlook the sea
- talk
- wear summer clothes



D. Construction (negative sentences) Read the following with your teacher.

Conjugate the helping verb "be" + not + verb + -ing.

- I'm not (I am not) -> coming this evening.
- You aren't (You are not) -> coming this evening.
- He isn't (He is not) -> coming this evening.
- She isn't (She is not) -> coming this evening.
- It isn't (It is not) -> coming this evening.
- We aren't (We are not) -> coming this evening.

- The words in the box below are not true about the party picture. Make sentences with your teacher:

- frown
- ride bike
- watch TV
- fight
- jump up and down on the table

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E. Construction (question forms). Read the following with your teacher:

Question word + conjugate the helping verb 'be' + subject + verb + -ing

What -> are you -> doing this afternoon?
What -> is he -> doing this afternoon?
What -> is she -> doing this afternoon?
What -> is it -> doing this afternoon?
What -> are we -> doing this afternoon?
What -> are you -> doing this afternoon?
What -> are they -> doing this afternoon?

- Ask your teacher questions about the party picture. E.g. *Are they frowning?*

F. Read the following with your teacher:

Remember! The present continuous is also for things that are happening around the present moment in time: e.g.

*I'm reading "The Surgeon's Mate" by Patrick O'Brian.
Whose account are you working on?
The President is creating a new employment policy
She's studying hard for her final exam.*

Common present continuous time expressions include:

at the moment now today this week this month currently

- What major projects are you working on this month?
- Are you reading a book currently?
- What policies do you think your government is considering at the moment?

G. Homework. 2 short quizzes:

- More present simple practice:
<http://www.electicenglish.com/grammar/PresentContinuous1F.html>
- When to use the present simple or continuous: Review this here and test yourself :
<http://www.5minuteenglish.com/feb27.htm>.

Tell your teacher your result and about any problems next time.