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English language1st grade

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Chapter 13: Here and now

Grammar

Present Continuous Tense

We use the present continuous to talk about actions that last a short time. The action are happening now.

Example:

He is speaking French to that man.

It is raining outside.

They are coming tonight.

Principle rule for Present Continuous

Positive:-

Subject+ am / is/ are + (base verb+ ing) + com.

* I → am

*Singular subject → She /He / It → Is

*Plural subject → They /We / You → are

Example:

He is sleeping.

She is talking on phone.

They are leaving now.

Negative:-

Subject+ (am/ is/ are) + Not (base verb+ ing) + com.

Example:-

They're not leaving tomorrow.

She isn't waiting for the bus.

You aren't playing football.

Question

1. Question Word (Wh-h)

Wh-q + am/ is/ are + Subject+ Base verb + ing?

Example:

When are you leaving?

Answer/ I am leaving in Iraq.

Where is she go?

Answer/ She is going to school.

2. Yes/No Question

Am/ is /are + Subject + base verb + ing?

Example:

Are we meeting tomorrow?

Answer/ Yes, we are.

It's raining outside?

Answer/ No, It isn't.

***Some word that denote to present continuous tense:**

Now, Just now, Right now, This week/day/ year, These day

At the moment, At present, Look, Listen, Hurry up.

***Verbs can't be used with present continuous tense:**

- **Feeling:** (hate, like, love, prefer, want, wish, fear, need).
- **Senses:** (appear, feel, hear, see, seem, smell, sound, taste).
- **Communication:** (agree, deny, disagree, mean, promise, satisfy, surprise).
- **Thinking:** (Believe, imagine, know, mean, realize, recognize, remember, understand)
- **Another case:** (be, belong, concern, depend, involve, matter, need, owe, own).

Example:

He needs help now.

She wants a coffee.

I don't believe you.

Adding of ing:

- **By adding ing to the base verb.**

Feel feeling

Go going

Sleep sleeping

- **If the verb ends by vowel (e), we delete it then add ing.**

Live living

Take taking

Come coming

- If the verb ends with a constant and before it, there was a vowel. We multiply the constant and add **ing**.

Stop **stopping**

Hit **hitting**

Run **Running**

But:

Open **opening**

Enter **entering**

Offer **offering**

Suffer **suffering**

Happen **happening**

- If the verb ends by **(ie)**, we must convert **(ie)** to **(y)** then add **ing**:

Lie **lying**

Die **dying**

Tie **tying**

Exercise

1. Sara read a newspaper last morning. (present continuous tense)
2. I'm studying English. (Negative)
3. She is loving chocolate. (correct)
4. What do you do? (convert question to present continuous)
5. I..... (study) at the moment.
6. We (work) on a new project these days.

H.w

Check it

3 Tick (✓) the correct sentence.

- 1 I'm wear a blue shirt today.
 I'm wearing a blue shirt today.
- 2 Where are you going?
 Where you going?
- 3 Peter no working this week.
 Peter isn't working this week.
- 4 That's Peter over there. He talks to the teacher.
 That's Peter over there. He's talking to the teacher.
- 5 Heidi is German. She comes from Berlin.
 Heidi is German. She's coming from Berlin.