

## English Grammar in Use/ Raymond Murphy

### Unit One:

Present Continuous ( I am doing)

<b>I</b>	<b>am = ('m)</b>	<b>Verb + ing</b>
<b>He , she, it</b>	<b>is = ('s)</b>	<b>Verb + ing</b>
<b>We, you, they</b>	<b>are = ('re)</b>	<b>Verb + ing</b>

I am doing something = I am in the middle of doing something; I have started doing it and I haven't finished yet.

Often the action is happening at the time of speaking.

### Examples:

- 1- Please do not make noise. I am working (not 'I work').
- 2- Let's go out now. It isn't raining any more. (not 'it doesn't rain').
- 3- (at a party) Hello, Jane. Are you enjoying the party? (not 'do you enjoy').

But the action is not necessarily happening at the time of speaking.

### Examples:

- 1- Tom says: I'm reading an interesting book at the moment. I'll lend it to you when I've finished it.  
Tom is not reading the book at the time of speaking.  
He means that he has started reading it but he has not finished it yet.
- 2- Catherine is learning Italian. (but perhaps she isn't learning Italian exactly at the time of speaking).

We use the present continuous:

- a- When we talk about things happening in a period around now (examples: today/ this week/ this evening etc.....)

- b- When we talk about changes happening around now (example: Is your English getting better? (not 'does your English get better')).

## **EXERCISES:**

### **1.1 Complete the sentences with one of the following verbs in the correct form: rise, change, increase, look, get, come, happen, start**

- 1- I .....for Christine. Do you know where she is?
- 2- It.....dark. Shall I turn on the light.
- 3- 'Are you ready, Ann?' 'yes, I .....
- 4- Have you got an umbrella? It .....to rain.
- 5- Why are all these people here? What .....
- 6- The population of the world .....very fast.
- 7- The world ..... Things never stay the same.
- 8- The cost of living ..... Every year things are more expensive.

### **1.2 Read the conversation between Brain and Sarah. Put the verbs into the correct form.**

**Sarah:** Brain! How nice to see you! What ..... (you/do) these days?

**Brain:** I ..... (train) to be a supermarket manager.

**Sarah:** Really? What's it like? ..... (you / enjoy) it?

**Brain:** It's all right. What about you?

**Sarah:** Well, actually I .....(not / work) at the moment. I .....(try) to find a job but it's not easy. But I'm very busy. I ..... (decorate) my flat.

**Brain:** .....(you / do) it alone?

**Sarah:** No, some friends of mine..... (help) me.

## Unit Two:

### Present simple (I do)

I / we / you / they	Do / work /drive etc
He / she / it	Does / works / drives etc

We use the present simple to talk about things in general. We use it to say that something happens all the time or repeatedly, or that something is true in general. It is not important whether the action is happening at the time of speaking.

Examples:

- 1- The earth goes round the sun.
- 2- Nurses look after patients in hospitals.

We use the present simple when we say how often we do things .

Examples:

- 1- I get up at 8 o'clock every morning. (not ' I'm getting')
- 2- How often do you go to the dentist.
- 3- John usually plays tennis once or twice a week.

We use the present simple when I ( apologise/ advise/ insist/ agree/ refuse...etc)

Do can be a main verb also: What do you do?

## EXERCISES

**2.1 Complete the sentences using one of the following. Sometimes you need the negative. Don't forget the (s) when needed**

**Close/ drink / live / open / believe/ eat/ make/ translate/ apologise/ insist/ promise**

- 1- I never.....coffee
- 2- The swimming pool..... at 9 o'clock and..... At 18.30 every day.
- 3- My parents .....in a very small flat.
- 4- Bees .....honey.
- 5- Vegetarians .....meat.
- 6- An atheist .....in God.
- 7- An interpreter .....from one language into another.
- 8- I won't tell anybody what you said. I .....
- 9- You must let me pay for the meal. I .....
- 10- I .....for what I said about you.

**2.2 Put the verb into the correct form:**

- 1- Where .....(Martin/ come ) from?
- 2- What ..... (you/ do )?
- 3- It .....(take) me an hour to get to work. How long .....(it / take) you ?
- 4- I .....(play) the piano but I .....(not/ play)very well.
- 5- I don't understand this sentence. What .....(this/ word/ mean)?

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## Unit Three

### Present continuous and present simple

Present continuous	Present simple
I am doing	I do
The water is boiling now.	The water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.
What language are those people speaking?	Do you speak English?
Let's go out. It isn't raining now.	It doesn't rain very much in summer.

Usually we say 'I always do something. Ex: I always go to work by car.

We can also say "I'm always doing something. Ex: I'm always losing things. Which means too often.

#### Exercises:

#### 3.1 Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct the verbs that are wrong.

- 1- Look! That man tries to open the door of your car.
- 2- Can you hear those people? What do they talk about?
- 3- The moon goes round the earth.
- 4- I must go now. It gets late.
- 5- I usually go to work by car.

#### 3.2 Put the verb in the correct form, present continuous or present simple.

- 1- Julia ..... (speak) four languages very well.
- 2- .....(you/ listen) to the radio? "No, you can turn it off."
- 3- The River Nile..... (flow) into the Mediterranean.
- 4- We usually..... (grow) vegetables in our garden but this year we ..... (not/ grow) any.

5-Usually I .....(enjoy) parties but I .....(not/enjoy) this one very much.

The following verbs are not normally used in continuous tenses:

Like love hate want need prefer know realize suppose mean Understand believe remember belong contain consist depend seem see hear smell taste
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You can use the present simple or continuous when you say how somebody looks or feels now.

**Examples:**

You **look** well today, or You're **looking** well today.

How **do** you **feel** now ? or How **are** you **feeling** now?

The present continuous of **be** is : I am being

He is being

You are being

**Exercises:**

**4.1 Complete the sentences using the most suitable form of be. Sometimes you must use the simple (am/ is/ are) and sometimes the continuous is more suitable (am/ is/ are being).**

1- I can't understand why .....so selfish. He isn't usually like that.

2-Jack.....very nice to me at the moment.

3-you'll like Jill when you meet her. She .....very nice.

4-Normally you are very sensible, so why.....so silly about this matter?

5-Why isn't Sarah at work today? .....ill?

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