

Pre-Lesson Comprehension

Target Language: *present progressive tense*

Focus: You will learn the *present progressive tense* to talk about actions happening now and actions that happen regularly but haven't finished.

Read and understand the target language below.

We use the **present progressive tense** to talk about actions happening now. The structure is: **be verb + present participle (verb -ing)**. Here are some examples:

- I **am studying** English (**now**).
- He **is checking** his dictionary (**now**).



We also use the **present progressive tense** to talk about longer actions happening now and haven't finished.

- Kate **is studying** every day for the test (**recently**).
- Bill **is looking** for a new house (**these days**).



Here are some negative examples. Negative sentences use: **be verb + not + present participle (verb -ing)**.

- Becky **is not sleeping** now.
- They **aren't taking** a test now.
- He **isn't working** hard these days.
- I **am not saving** any money recently!

With questions, we use the following structures:

Closed Questions: be verb + subject + present participle (verb -ing)

Q: **Are** you **studying** English (**now**)?

A: Yes, I'm **studying** English (**now**). Please be quiet.

Open Questions: wh-question + be verb + subject + present participle (verb -ing)

Q: **What are** you studying these days?

A: I'm **studying** English, History, and Science. All of the classes are very difficult.

Pre-Lesson Practice

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Practice: Now try some activities to help you use the target language.

Correct the mistakes with the present progressive tense. Then rewrite the sentences.

1: What are he doing now?

2: They is watching TV now.

3: I am look for a new computer these days.

Read and practice the conversation. Circle the present progressive tense.

Will: Is that Stacy? What is she doing?

James: She's studying for her big test.

Will: She never studies! When is her test?

James: Her test is tomorrow. She's studying a lot these days because she's failing her class.

Will: She looks very tired.

James: She studies from morning until night. She's drinking a lot of coffee to stay awake!

Will: I hope she does well!

Answers

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