

ADULTS A2 · GRAMMAR · LESSON 03 / 30

# Live from the Coffee Shop

*Present Continuous — am / is / are + verb-ing***PRESENT CONTINUOUS · RIGHT NOW · TEMPORARY · CHANGING · 55 MIN****I****LOOK AROUND YOU RIGHT NOW**

## Warm-Up

What is happening right now?  
Look around. Answer in full sentences.

1. What are you doing right now?
2. What is the person next to you doing?
3. What are you wearing today?
4. Is it raining outside right now?
5. What music are you listening to these days?

**II****PRESENT CONTINUOUS — RIGHT NOW, TEMPORARY, CHANGING**

## Grammar Focus

The Present Simple is for things you do again and again. The Present Continuous is for things happening right now — at this moment, today, this week. It is also for temporary situations and things that are changing.

The form: am / is / are + verb-ing. That is all.

**THE CORE FORMULA**

Subject + **am / is / are** + verb **-ing**

*"I am working." · "She is reading." · "They are waiting."*

**THREE FORMS — AFFIRMATIVE, NEGATIVE, QUESTION**

**AFFIRMATIVE**

"I am working."  
 "She is reading."  
 "They are waiting."

Subject + am/is/are + verb-ing

**NEGATIVE & QUESTION**

"I am not working."  
 "She isn't reading."  
 "Are they waiting?"

Add not after am/is/are. Put am/is/are before subject for questions.

**SPELLING RULES FOR -ING**

**MOST VERBS**

add -ing: work → working

**SHORT VOWEL + CONSONANT**

double: sit → sitting, run → running

**ENDS IN -E**

drop e: make → making

**ENDS IN -IE**

ie → y: die → dying, lie → lying



**12 WORDS FOR ACTIONS & TEMPORARY LIFE**

**Key Vocabulary**

WORD	TYPE	MEANING	EXAMPLE
<b>text</b>	<i>verb</i>	send a phone message	"She is texting her friend."
<b>wait</b>	<i>verb</i>	stay until something happens	"We are waiting for the bus."
<b>look for</b>	<i>phrasal v.</i>	try to find	"He is looking for a new job."
<b>currently</b>	<i>adverb</i>	at this time	"I am currently living in Berlin."
<b>at the moment</b>	<i>phrase</i>	right now	"She is studying at the moment."
<b>get better</b>	<i>phrasal v.</i>	improve	"My English is getting better."
<b>grow</b>	<i>verb</i>	become bigger	"The company is growing fast."
<b>improve</b>	<i>verb</i>	become better	"Her English is improving."
<b>temporary</b>	<i>adjective</i>	not permanent	"I am leaving in June."
<b>still</b>	<i>adverb</i>	continuing	"He is still working."
<b>lately</b>	<i>adverb</i>	recently	"I am reading a lot lately."

WORD	TYPE	MEANING	EXAMPLE
<b>right now</b>	<i>phrase</i>	at this exact moment	"What are you doing right now?"



FOUR SNAPSHOTS OF LIFE RIGHT NOW

## Reading

THE RIGHT NOW ISSUE · VOLUME 03

# What **are** they doing?

*Four people, four moments. Not routines — but what is happening right now.*

SNAPSHOT ONE · 10:47 A.M., LISBON

## Nina, 31 · Lisbon · Translator

Nina is sitting at a small table near the window. The sun is shining through the glass. She is drinking her second coffee and is looking at her laptop screen.

Today she is not translating. She is writing a personal email. "I am planning a trip," she explains. "My friend is getting married in September."

Outside, people are walking past. A man is carrying a large box. Two children are running down the street. Her phone buzzes. Her colleague is calling. "The client is waiting for our translation."

Nina is currently living in Lisbon, but it is temporary. "I am staying here for six months. After that, I am moving back to Warsaw."

**PRESENT CONTINUOUS · RIGHT NOW + TEMPORARY** Actions right now (is sitting, is drinking, is writing) and temporary (is currently living, is staying, is moving back).

SNAPSHOT TWO · 3:15 P.M., DUBAI

## Omar, 38 · Dubai · Construction Supervisor

Omar is standing on the fifth floor of an unfinished building. Below him, machines are moving earth and workers are carrying steel beams.

Eighty workers are working on this project. Some are building walls, some are installing the electrical system, others are preparing concrete.

His family is still living in Cairo. His wife is working there. "I am missing them. Tonight my daughter is performing in a school play. I am not going to be there."

The project is growing fast. "The schedule is getting tighter. But the team is doing a great job."

**PRESENT CONTINUOUS · TEMPORARY + CHANGING** Temporary (is living in Dubai, is working there) and changing (is growing fast, is getting tighter).

**SNAPSHOT THREE · 7:30 P.M., SEOUL****Mina, 27 · Seoul · Office Worker**

Mina is standing in her kitchen. The radio is playing softly. She is chopping vegetables and is humming along to the song.

Four people are coming tonight. "I am cooking Korean fried chicken." A friend is texting: "We are bringing dessert!"

Right now, Mina is also studying for a professional exam. "I am working full-time and studying in the evenings. My schedule is changing every week."

**PRESENT CONTINUOUS · QUESTIONS + TIME MARKERS** Notice time markers: right now, tonight, at the moment, lately, these days. When you see these, the Present Continuous is almost always the right choice.

**SNAPSHOT FOUR · 11:00 P.M., STOCKHOLM****Erik, 45 · Stockholm · Nurse**

Most patients are sleeping. Erik is sitting at the nurses' station, checking charts. A colleague is making coffee.

A colleague is recovering from surgery, so Erik is covering for her. "I am getting tired, but the shift is only half finished."

A patient's leg is hurting. "The painkillers are wearing off." Things are changing in his hospital. "We are using new digital systems. The old paper charts are disappearing. Everything is becoming electronic."

**PRESENT CONTINUOUS · THE FULL SYSTEM** Affirmative, negative, questions, and change/trends — over forty -ing forms in one story.

# ANSWER KEY

## PART VI · PRACTICE

1. C — is reading
2. B — are waiting
3. A — making
4. C — sitting
5. B — am not working
6. A — Is / raining
7. C — is living
8. B — are / doing
9. A — are rising
10. C — lying

## PART IX · MINI QUIZ

- Q1: B — is playing
- Q2: C — am not working
- Q3: A — Are / waiting
- Q4: C — writing
- Q5: B — running
- Q6: D — Look! The baby is smiling.
- Q7: A — is staying
- Q8: C — is improving
- Q9: B — at the moment
- Q10: D — I am work at home today.

Well done! Lesson 03 complete. Next: Present Simple vs Present Continuous — Routine or Right Now?