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A2 TENSES ≈ 27 MIN

Present Continuous — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now lock the form in, brick by brick. New sentences, same two parts.

Two bricks: **am/is/are** + verb- **ing** — for actions now, temporary situations, and arranged plans

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ◯ 2 · FILL-IN ◯ 3 · CORRECT ◯ 4 · WRITE ◯

BRICK 1 · SORT BY MEANING · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Read each phrase. Is the action in progress, temporary, or already arranged? → left column (**present continuous**). Habit, fact, or state? → right column (**present simple**).

- negotiate with a supplier right now
- stay in a hotel this week
- answer emails every morning
- present the results on Thursday
- know the new Wi-Fi password
- work night shifts these days
- usually cycle to the office
- prepare the workshop at the moment
- need a longer lunch break
- move to a bigger office next month
- like the new meeting room
- speak English in team meetings

NOW / TEMPORARY / ARRANGED	HABIT / FACT / STATE

BRICK 2 · FILL IN THE CORRECT FORM · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Fill the gap with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Usually you need **am/is/are + -ing** — but a stative verb takes the **present simple**.

01 Shh — I _____ (talk) to the supplier on the phone.

02 This week we _____ (share) a meeting room with the sales team.

03 She _____ (write) the invitation email right now.

04 They _____ (sit) in the lobby right now — shall I call them?

05 Look, the CEO _____ (run) for the bus!

06 We _____ (need) two more laptops for the interns.

07 We _____ (meet) the IT consultant on Tuesday morning.

08 _____ you ___ (join) the workshop this afternoon?

YOUR BUILD · 1 · SORTING · 2 · FILL-IN · 3 · CORRECT · 4 · WRITE

BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence hides exactly one mistake — in the **form**, the **spelling**, or the **choice** of tense. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 I working on the new presentation right now.

02 She is talk to a client at the moment.

03 They are makeing changes to the website.

04 He is siting next to the CEO.

05 I'm needing the signed contract today.

06 Every Friday we are meeting in room two.

BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one sentence for each prompt. Then check both bricks: the right form of **be** and the verb ending in **-ing**.

01 What you are doing: "Right now, I …" — your current task at work.

02 Your week: "This week, my team …" — a temporary situation at work.

03 Your next appointment: "On Friday, I'm meeting …"

04 Your office right now: "Look — …!" — an action in progress.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I build the form from two parts: am/is/are + verb-ing — "She's talking."
- ☐ I recognise the three uses: right now ("right now"), temporary ("this week"), and arranged plan ("on Friday").
- ☐ I spell the -ing form correctly: make → making, sit → sitting.
- ☐ With stative verbs like "know" and "need" I use the present simple: "I need the file."

Not every box ticked? Build the lesson once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 **is negotiating** with a supplier right now
"Right now" = action in progress — am/is/are + -ing.

02 **is staying** in a hotel this week
"This week" limits the situation — temporary.

03 **answer** emails every morning
"Every morning" = habit — present simple.

04 **is presenting** the results on Thursday
A fixed appointment — an arranged plan in the present continuous.

05 **know** the new Wi-Fi password
"Know" is a stative verb — no continuous.

06 **are working** night shifts these days
"These days" = a limited period around now — temporary.

07 **usually cycle** to the office
"Usually" marks a habit — present simple.

08 **is preparing** the workshop at the moment
"At the moment" = the action is running now.

09 **need** a longer lunch break
"Need" describes a state — present simple.

10 **are moving** to a bigger office next month
A concrete arrangement for the future — present continuous.

11 **like** the new meeting room
"Like" is a stative verb — no continuous.

12 **speak** English in team meetings
A general fact — present simple.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 I **am talking** to the supplier on the phone
Action in progress now; with "I" use "am".

02 we **are sharing** a meeting room with the sales team
Temporary situation; drop the silent e: share → sharing.

03 She **is writing** the invitation email right now
"She" takes "is"; write → writing, no e.

04 They **are sitting** in the lobby right now
Short verb: sit doubles the t — sitting.

05 the CEO **is running** for the bus
run → running (n doubles); "the CEO" = he → "is".

06 We **need** two more laptops for the interns
"Need" is a stative verb — present simple, not continuous.

07 We **are meeting** the IT consultant on Tuesday morning
An arranged appointment — present continuous; with "we" use "are".

08 **Are** you **joining** the workshop this afternoon?
Question: the form of be moves before the subject — "Are you …-ing?"

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 I**'m working** on the new presentation right now.
The form needs two parts — "am" is missing here.

02 She is **talking** to a client at the moment.
The main verb needs the -ing ending.

03 They are **making** changes to the website.
Silent e drops before -ing: make → making.

04 He is **sitting** next to the CEO.
Short verb sit — the t doubles: sitting.

05 I **need** the signed contract today.
"Need" is a stative verb and normally stays in the present simple.

06 Every Friday we **meet** in room two.
"Every Friday" = habit — present simple, not continuous.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check the two bricks: the right form of be and the verb ending in -ing.

01 "Right now, I'm **answering** a client's email."
"I" + "am" — the action is in progress right now.

02 "This week, my team **is testing** the new tool."
"This week" = a temporary situation.

03 "On Friday, I'm **showing** the intern our office."
An arranged plan — present continuous with "am".

04 "Look — Max **is printing** the contracts!"
"Look" calls for an action in progress: is + printing.

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