

# Course: Present Simple Continuous

## Lesson 1: When to use it?

- 1. We use the present continuous tense to talk about something that is in progress at the time of speaking, for things happening now, at the moment. (A1)**

*Are you working now?*

*It is raining outside.*

- 2. We use the present continuous for temporary situations. (A2)**

*I usually walk to work but I am going by bus today because it is raining.*

*I live in Prague but this term I am staying in London.*

- 3. We use the present continuous to express the future, especially to talk about something we have already arranged or planned in the future. (B1)**

*He is taking an exam on Monday.*

*We are visiting our friends in Germany next weekend.*

- 4. We use the present continuous for changing and developing situations. (B1)**

*More and more people are riding bicycles.*

*You are getting better at playing the guitar.*

- 5. We use the present continuous to describe irritating habits or anger. (B2)**

We often use this form with adverbs such as *always, constantly, continuously.*

*My sister is always borrowing my clothes without asking.*

*Your dog is constantly destroying our garden.*

- 6. We use the present continuous in stories and jokes in informal spoken English and in live commentaries. (C1)**

*A man is riding a bicycle when meeting a cow riding a bicycle, too.....*

⇒ **Words and phrases often used with present continuous:** *now, right now, at the moment, at present, today, this week, currently, etc.*