

# GRAMMAR NOTES

## Period 2

Reference		Present Continuous		
Conjugation	Sentence structure	Uses		
<b>Auxiliary</b> To be + <b>Verb+</b> -ing ⇒	<b>(+)</b> Subj. + <b>am</b> <b>is</b> + <b>verb+-ing</b> + Compl. <b>are</b> <i>Ex.</i> She <b>is working</b> in an exciting new project this month.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions happening at the moment of speaking</li> <li>• Actions happening around the present moment</li> <li>• Current trends and changing situations</li> <li>• Future plans (Unit 6)</li> </ul>		
	<b>(-)</b> Subj. + <b>am not</b> <b>isn't</b> + <b>verb+-ing</b> + Compl. <b>aren't</b> <i>Ex.</i> They <b>aren't having</b> fun today.			
	<b>(?)</b> <b>Am</b> [Wh-] <b>Is</b> + Subj. + <b>verb+-ing</b> + Compl? <b>Are</b> <i>Ex.</i> What <b>are you doing</b> ?	<b>Time Expressions</b> ... at the moment ... now ... today ... this morning/day/month/season		

## Review Exercises

I. Complete the conjugation of the following verbs:

### Affirmative

**I am working here today.**

You \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ann \_\_\_\_\_  
 We \_\_\_\_\_  
 They \_\_\_\_\_

### Affirmative

I \_\_\_\_\_  
 You \_\_\_\_\_  
 He \_\_\_\_\_  
**We are watching a movie at the moment.**  
 You \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ann and Bill \_\_\_\_\_

### Negative

**I am not working here today.**

You \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ann \_\_\_\_\_  
 We \_\_\_\_\_  
 They \_\_\_\_\_

### Negative

I \_\_\_\_\_  
 You \_\_\_\_\_  
 He \_\_\_\_\_  
**We aren't watching a movie at the moment.**  
 You \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ann and Bill \_\_\_\_\_

### Interrogative

**Am I working here today?**

\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Bill \_\_\_\_\_?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ann \_\_\_\_\_?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_?

### Interrogative

I \_\_\_\_\_  
 You \_\_\_\_\_  
 He \_\_\_\_\_  
**Are we watching a movie at the moment?**  
 You \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ann and Bill \_\_\_\_\_

II. Complete the following sentences using the Present Continuous Tense of the verbs given in parentheses.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ to the news at the moment. (listen)
2. The students \_\_\_\_\_ to school now. (go)
3. Mr. Smith \_\_\_\_\_ for the bus. (wait)
4. For the time being, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ as a secretary. (work)
5. Our friends \_\_\_\_\_ Disney World today. (visit)
6. The train \_\_\_\_\_ at the station at this time. (arrive)
7. You \_\_\_\_\_ the exercises well now. (do)
8. They \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend in Miami. (spend)
9. Look! The bus \_\_\_\_\_ over there! (come)
10. Listen! Those children \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish! (speak)
11. There's a man in the garden. He \_\_\_\_\_ the grass. (cut)
12. There are several students in the gym. They \_\_\_\_\_ (work out)

III. Change the following sentences into **a)** negative and **b)** interrogative.

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|-----|---|---|
| 0.  | The children are watching TV.           | a) The children aren't watching TV.<br>b) Are the children watching TV? |
| 1.  | John's having breakfast now.            | a) _____<br>b) _____  |
| 2.  | Bill's answering the phone.             | a) _____<br>b) _____  |
| 3.  | I'm helping John with the work.         | a) _____<br>b) _____  |
| 4.  | The girl's washing the dishes.          | a) _____<br>b) _____  |
| 5.  | The cadet's sleeping in class.          | a) _____<br>b) _____  |
| 6.  | It's raining very hard now.             | a) _____<br>b) _____  |
| 7.  | The students are writing a composition. | a) _____<br>b) _____  |
| 8.  | You're doing the exercise correctly.    | a) _____<br>b) _____  |
| 9.  | The dog's drinking milk.                | a) _____<br>b) _____  |
| 10. | We're making a lot of progress.         | a) _____<br>b) _____  |

IV. Ask questions using Wh- words like WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, HOW, etc.

1. Mary's eating ***an apple*** now. What is Mary eating now?
2. They're living ***in Bristol*** at present. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I'm ***answering a letter***. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The students are reading ***a story***. \_\_\_\_\_
5. George is travelling ***by plane***. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Billy's wearing ***the new*** sweater. \_\_\_\_\_
7. I'm singing ***because I'm happy***. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The men are ***running*** now. \_\_\_\_\_
9. I'm trying to ***open the window***. \_\_\_\_\_
10. They're looking at ***the horses***. \_\_\_\_\_

V. Complete the dialogs using the verbs provided in the Present Continuous tense

**Hans** : Hello, Bob! Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_? ( go)

**Bob** : To the post office.

**Hans** : I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) there, too. Why \_\_\_\_\_ n't you \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) your car?

**Bob** : It's in the garage. They \_\_\_\_\_ ( fi x) the brakes.

**Jane** : Where's Billy?

**Peter** : He's in his room.

**Jane** : What \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_?(do) I don't think he \_\_\_\_\_(sleep).

**Peter** : No, he isn't. He \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for a test.

**Jane** : He \_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ ! (study). That's why he \_\_\_\_\_ (do) so well at school this year

**Peter** : Well, he \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) to study engineering, you know.

**Robert** : Where are the children?

**Mary** : Billy \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV in the living-room. And Betty's in the kitchen. I think she \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner. And Jim's in his room. He \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep), of course!

**Robert** : Well, let's go for a walk, then.

**Mary** : Great! Let's do that.

## ANSWER KEY

### Ex I.

#### Affirmative

##### I am working here today.

You are working here today.  
Bill is working here today.  
Ann is working here today.  
We are working here today.  
They are working here today.

#### Negative

##### I am not working here today.

You aren't working here today.  
Bill isn't working here today.  
Ann isn't working here today.  
We aren't working here today.  
They aren't working here today.

#### Interrogative

##### Am I working here today?

Are you working here today?  
Is Bill working here today?  
Is Ann working here today?  
Are we working here today?  
Are they working here today?

#### Affirmative

I am watching a movie at the moment.  
You are watching a movie at the moment.  
He is watching a movie at the moment.  
**We are watching a movie at the moment.**  
You are watching a movie at the moment.  
Ann and Bill are watching a movie at the moment.

#### Negative

I am not watching a movie at the moment.  
You aren't watching a movie at the moment.  
He isn't watching a movie at the moment.  
**We aren't watching a movie at the moment.**  
You aren't watching a movie at the moment.  
Ann and Bill aren't watching a movie at the moment.

#### Interrogative

Am I watching a movie at the moment?  
Are you watching a movie at the moment?  
Is he watching a movie at the moment?  
**Are we watching a movie at the moment?**  
Are you watching a movie at the moment?  
Are Ann and Bill watching a movie at the moment?

### Ex II.

- |                 |                 |               |                  |                 |                     |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. am listening | 2. are going    | 3. is waiting | 4. is working    | 5. are visiting | 6. is arriving      |
| 7. are doing    | 8. are spending | 9. is coming  | 10. are speaking | 11. is cutting  | 12. are working out |

### Ex III.

- John isn't having breakfast now / Is John having breakfast now?
- Bill isn't answering the phone / Is Bill answering the phone?
- I'm not helping John... / Am I helping John...?
- The girl isn't washing the dishes / Is the girl washing the dishes?
- The cadet isn't sleeping... / Is the cadet sleeping...?
- It isn't raining... / Is it raining...?
- The students aren't writing... / Are the students writing...?
- You aren't doing the exercises... / Are you doing the exercises...?
- The dog isn't drinking milk / Is the dog drinking milk?
- We aren't making much... / Are we making much...?

### Ex IV.

- What's Mary eating now?
- Where are they living at present?
- What are you doing?
- What are the students reading?
- How's George travelling?
- Which sweater is Billy wearing?
- Why are you singing?
- What are the men doing now?
- What are you trying to do?
- What are they looking at?

### Ex V.

**Hans:** are - going  
**Bob:**  
**Hans :** am going / are - driving  
**Bob:** are fixing

**Jane:**  
**Peter:**  
**Jane:** is - doing / is sleeping  
**Peter:** is studying  
**Jane:** is - studying / is doing  
**Peter:** is planning .

**Robert:**  
**Mary:** is watching / is cooking / is sleeping  
**Robert:**  
**Mary:**