CHAPTER IV

- Present Continuous Tense
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Present Continuous Tense

Use the present continuous to talk about actions in progress now
The students are studying.

Form the present continuous with a form of be and a present participle.
The teacher is teaching.

Make negative statements with not
We’re not going to school today.

Some statements in the present continuous describe activities over a period of time.
They aren’t playing football this week

Learning tip:
How to use contractions in the present continuous
The Dean’s working in his office today.
The teachers aren’t talking to the headmaster now.

The present continuous questions

- Yes – No questions

Possible answers
Are you doing your home work? Yes, I’m doing it now.
Is she erasing the blackboard? No, she is not.

Learning tip: Short answers to yes – no questions in the present continuous are the same as for be.

Are you practising pronunciation? Yes, I am.
- Wh – questions

Who’s teaching telecommunications? Possible answers
Mrs. Smith.
What are they doing? Sitting for an exam
Where are you going? To the university

Grammar Point: Subject and Object Pronouns

**They’re asking him.**
Subject pronoun Object pronoun

**I’m sending her the information by mail.**
Subject pronoun Object pronoun

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