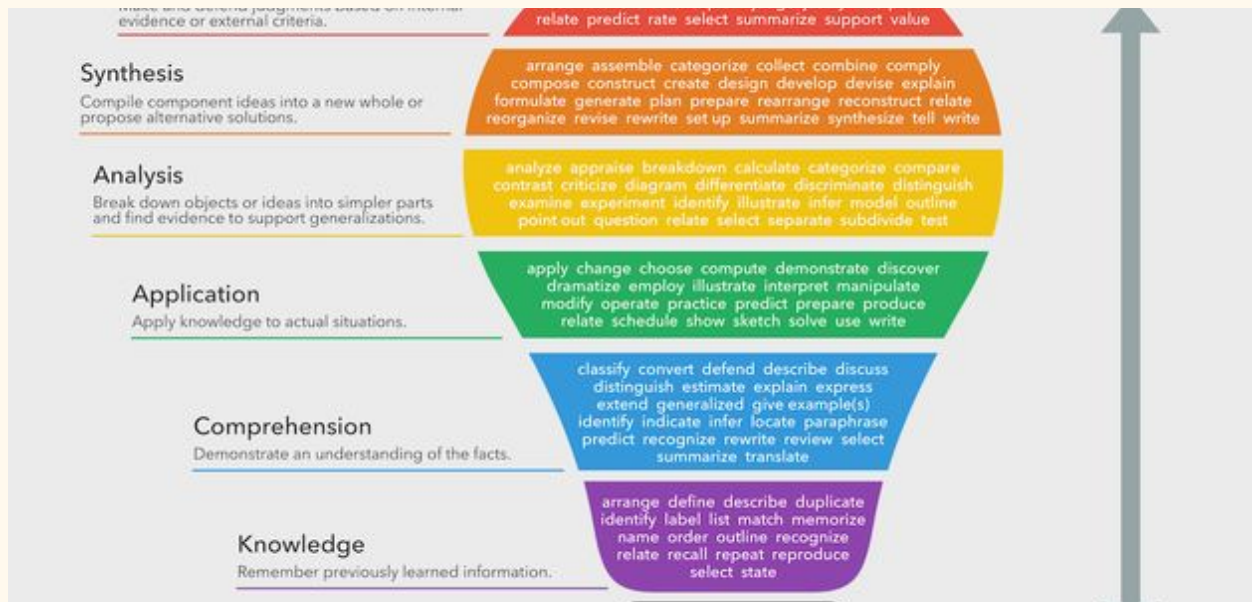


Present Continuous: to be + V-ing

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Warm-up

Read the text. Pay attention to the verbs in bold.

*I **want** to buy a new motorcycle. Now I **am saving** up for it. This week I **am working** overtime. I **am writing** a report at the moment. I **am not eating** out these days, I **am trying** to spend less.*

Study the rules.

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I am + Ving

She/he/it is + Ving

they/you/we are + Ving

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I am not + Ving

he/she/it is not (isn't) + Ving

they/we/you are not (aren't) + Ving

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Are they/you/we + Ving

Is he/she/it + Ving

Am I + Ving

Remember

You = for one person and many people.

It = for one thing, NOT people (a city = it, a tomato = it).

They = for people and things (cities = they, children = they).

Use:

To talk about actions happening now

I *am writing* a report at the moment.

Sam *is talking* to the manager now.

To describe temporary situations (these days, this week, today)

These days I *am working* overtime.

My son *is not playing* football this week.

Use Present Simple with non-action verbs: like, want, need, prefer, believe, remember, know, understand.

I don't need a motorcycle. Do you want to go shopping now?

Speak!

Say what things you usually do on your usual day off and on your perfect day off:

- Sleep all day
- Go out with your friends
- Do the housework
- Do the homework
- Walk the dog
- Watch TV
- Surf the Net
- Read an interesting book

TASK 1

Read the text and explain the usage of the words in bold.

Karen **is** a personal assistant. Usually, she **does** the photocopying, **attends** a lot of business meetings, **makes** coffee and **answers** the phone. Now she's **spending** her day off with her husband, Alex. Usually, they **go** away on the weekends, either to the countryside or to the beach, or they **visit** their friends. But today they **are not doing** anything special. They're just **sitting** at home, relaxing. Karen **likes** her work at Gloss, but she **doesn't want** to be a PA all her life. That's why she's **doing** a course in fashion design at night school. One day she **wants** to have her own design company.

TASK 2

Make the sentences. Use Present Simple with *always*, *often*, *never* and *sometimes*. Use Present Continuous with *now*, *today*, *at the moment*.

E.G. I/wear pink socks. I never wear pink socks.

1. I/text my friends.
2. My mum/make delicious cakes.
3. She/read science fiction.
4. My dad/wear glasses.

5. I/want/a lot of/homework.
6. You/sit near the window.
7. Their English/get better.

TASK 3

Complete the questions with the present simple or present continuous.

1. What you/to do now?
2. What you/ usually/to do at the weekend?.
3. You /to read/ a good book at the moment?
4. You/to learn to drive at the moment?
5. How many languages/ you/ to speak?
6. What sport you/to like?
7. You /to know / how to play chess?
8. You / to wear / trainers today?
9. How often you / to go to the gym?
10. You / to look for a job at the moment?

TASK 4

Which verbs in the row can't be used in present continuous and why?

To believe, to want, to laugh, to speak, to know, to listen, to love, to hate, to write, to have, to sit, to own.

TASK 5

Which sentences are correct? Change the wrong ones to make them right.

1. Do you like coffee?
2. Are you having brothers or sisters?
3. I'm looking for my keys.
4. I'm not believing you.
5. Do you want to come with us tonight?
6. What are you doing now?
7. I'm not understanding this exercise.
8. I'm hating the cold weather.
9. I don't know her name.

TASK 6

Match the halves of the phrases.

To buy	Long hours
To wear	People into your home
To dress	Casual clothes
To make	A day off from work
To visit	A cake
To invite	relatives

To have	up
To work	out
To eat	A special meal
To prepare	Cakes in a shop

KEY: to buy cakes in a shop, to wear casual clothes, to dress up, to make a cake, to visit relatives, to invite people into your home, to have a day off from work, to work long hours, to eat out, to prepare a special meal.

TASK 7

Complete the text with the following verbs: dress, eat, have, buy, invite, make, prepare.

Friendship Day began in the United States in 1935, and it is becoming more popular around the world. It's on the first Sunday in August — so everyone can ... a day off from work. Food is often an important part of the day and many people ... friends into their homes, where they ... a special meal for their guests, and some people even ... a special friendship cake. Others prefer to ... up in their best clothes and ... out. People often ... flowers or small presents for each other. So, why not show your friends how important they are and organise a Friendship Day celebration this year?

TASK 8

Say what the people in the pictures are doing.

