Tenses

Present Continuous Tense

Formula of the present continuous tense:

Verb to (be)+main verb+ing

He

She +is

It

I am

You

They +are

We

Usages of the present continuous tense:

1. This tense describes an action or event which is taking place at the moment of speaking.

Examples:

I am reading a newspaper now.

What's Ahmed doing? (adverbs of time)

He is having lunch at the moment.

We are watching TV for the time being.

Jessica is shopping at present.

2. This tense is used to describe an action or event that is going to take place in the near future.

Examples:

1. I’m seeing Erica tomorrow. (near future)
2. My father is flying to London next week.(near future)
3. We’re taking our exams next Monday.(near future)

3. When one is annoyed with somebody’s behaviour.

Examples:

My son is always going to the cinema and neglecting his homework.

My brother is always dumping his cigarette's ashes on the floor.

My neighbour is always parking in my parking lot.

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2. Where and when were you born?

3.Where do you live?

4. How many brothers and sisters have you got?

5. Why are you studying English?
6. How long have you been studying English?
7. Which countries have you been to?
8.When did you go to Canada?