

Grammar : Present Simple & Present Continuous



Grammar rules for the present continuous tense:

1. for something that is happening at the moment.

e.g. I am leaving for lunch.

e.g. The children are sleeping now.

2. for something which we think is temporary.

e.g. Lila is studying chemistry at university.

e.g. I'm staying at a hotel in Taichung for a few days.

3. for something that is new and different from the way it was.

e.g. What kind of music are teenagers listening to these days?

4. to show that something is changing, growing or developing.

e.g. Kids are growing so fast.

e.g. Your English is improving.

5. for something which constantly happens (normally used with "always").

e.g. I like Zoe. She is always laughing.

6. We also use this tense to talk about the future.

e.g. I am coming to his party on Friday.

e.g. What are you doing this weekend?

Grammar rules for the present simple tense:

1. something that is always true.

e.g. The sun sets in the west.

e.g. We are humans.

2. general facts in the present.

e.g. Matthew likes sports cars.

e.g. I am 30 years old. I work in Taipei.

3. habits and repeated actions.

e.g. She smokes.

e.g. Every morning, I wake up, brush my teeth, and pick something to wear.

4. fixed arrangements

e.g. School starts next week.

e.g. Your exam finishes at 12 o'clock.