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Presentación

Material name: Describing current activities

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Motivational question

What are you doing in this moment? What are your friends doing in this moment?



Find out different ways in which you can describe current activities. This is an A1 level competence, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/source/framework_en.pdf page 24).

Key words:

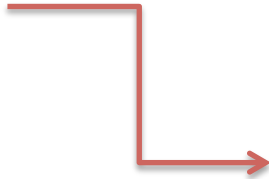
Am, is, are, now, moment, working, studying...



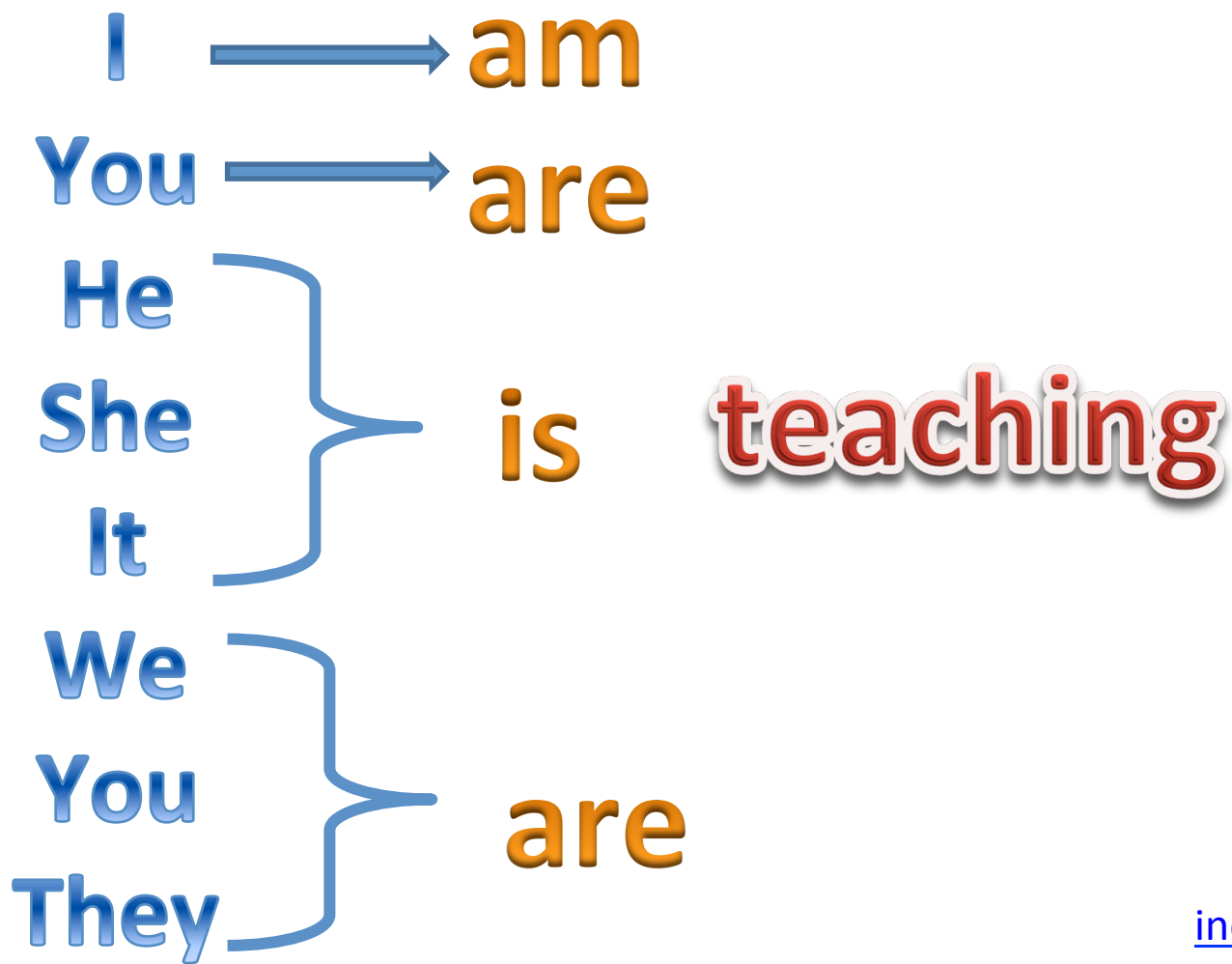
- Current activities (use)
- Use of the verb to be.
- Examples of current activities
- Models to describe current activities
- Conclusion
- References



Current activities



NOTE: We use the present continuous to describe activities that are happening **in this moment**





Affirmative



She is texting her friend in this moment

Figure 1



Negative



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They are not
resting at home.



Interrogative

Are they
having fun?





Dear Alice

I am in vacations with my family in Cancun. I **am staying** here for one week in a beautiful hotel. The hotel has an amazing view to the sea. I **am enjoying** with the people in the hot weather. My mother **is swimming** in the sea. My father is in a cruise; My cousins **are dancing, eating, drinking and admiring** the view.

I hope you were here, It is a great experience.

Regards

Mary



It's a rainy Saturday. **It's raining** a lot and Mary and her family **are spending** the afternoon at home. Her uncles **are visiting** them. Mary and her father are in the living room. Mary **is making** a draw and her father, Mr. Harris, **is surfing** the net. They **are also talking**.

Mary's older brother, Peter, **is in his bedroom playing** computer games. He is a computer fanatic and he spends much time playing on the computer. His little brother, Jim is also in the living room. He **is playing** with his dinosaurs' collection. Sometimes he teases Mary, he is a really naughty boy.

Mary's mother, Mrs. Harris, **is in the kitchen preparing** a snack for all of them. She **is making** some tea and **talking** to Mary's uncles –Lucy and Tom. They are from the nearest town and stopped by to say hello.



When you want to express current activities you can say:

- ❖ I **am doing exercise** in this moment
- ❖ I **am not watching** TV
- ❖ What **are you doing**?
- ❖ Pepe **is sleeping now**.
- ❖ Karla **is teaching** in this moment?



- The grammar aquarium (page on line) taken from:
<http://perso.wanadoo.es/autoenglish/freeexercises.htm>
- Model 2 text taken from:
<http://es.scribd.com/doc/202630972/Reading-Comprehension-Present-Continuous#scribd>

Images:

- Figure 1. A girl texting [image] (2015) Retrieved from
<http://www.businessinsider.com/10-charts-reveal-stunning-facts-about-how-people-use-the-internet-2013-6?op=1>
- Figure 2. Some people in a river [image] (2014) Retrieved from
<http://www.elcivics.com/lifeskills/summer-vacation-2.html>



- Figure 3. Happy face [image] (2014) Retrieved from:
<http://englishtips4u.com/2013/02/04/enggame-can-you-guess-what-they-are-doing/>



Thank you!



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