



Paco: Paco is wearing a new suit



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The Present Continuous Tense

Positive:

Subject + Present “to be” + Present Participle (-ing)

Negative:

Subject + Present “to be” + NOT + Present Participle (-ing)



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The Present Continuous Tense

Used to talk about:

- * actions happening at the moment of speaking.
 - Paco is wearing a new suit.

- * actions happening in a period around the present moment in time.
 - Thomas's cousin is staying with them these days.

- * future plans and arrangements.
 - Andrés is meeting Paco next Saturday evening.

- * trends or changes.
 - Paco thinks English is becoming harder and harder.

- * repeated actions which are irritating to the speaker.
 - "Sonia, you're always speaking on the phone", said Paco.

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Stative vs. dynamic verbs

Stative verbs

- * describe a state or condition rather than an action
- * are not used in continuous tenses

have (possession), know, like, understand...

Dynamic verbs

- * describe actions
- * can be used in continuous tenses

have (take), go, write, play...

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Present Simple vs. Present Continuous

Present Simple
habits / routines
likes, dislikes
permanent situations / repeated actions
scheduled events
things which are always or generally true

Present Continuous
actions happening at the moment of speaking
temporary or developing actions
trends or changes
future plans or arrangements
complains (<i>always, constantly...</i>)

Third person singular –s:

Voiced sound + (e)s: /z/ (voiced) e.g. **knows**

Voiceless sound + (e)s: /s/ (voiceless) e.g. **starts**

/s/, sh /ʃ/, ch /tʃ/, /z/, /dʒ/ + -es: /ɪz/ e.g. **washes**

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Spanish vs. English

Sometimes actions occurring at the moment of speaking:

Spanish: Presente de indicativo (*Lleva un traje nuevo*)

English: Present Continuous or Progressive (*He is wearing a new suit*)

Future plans or arrangements:

Spanish: Futuro simple / Presente de indicativo (*Mañana me reúno con el Director del banco*).

English: Present Continuous (*I'm meeting the bank manager tomorrow*).



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