

## FUMC ESL 6-2-2025 Lesson

**Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from. Tell how long you have been in the U.S. Tell your favorite time of year.**

### GRAMMAR

We use present tense to talk about something that happens repeatedly. EX: I **eat** breakfast every morning at 9. We use present continuous to talk about something that is happening now. EX: I **am working** right now. Present continuous requires a "to be" verb. EX: We **are eating** our breakfast.

There are some verbs that do NOT have a present continuous form. Here is a list of some of these non-continuous verbs: want, cost, need, care, contain, owe, exist, own, belong, possess, like, love, hate, dislike, fear, envy. We use the present tense instead of present continuous with these verbs.

### Choose the correct tense in these sentences

1. You can't mow the field now because the players (practice / are practicing) on it.
2. Every morning I (listen / am listening) to The Morning Show on TV.
3. Because of gravity, objects (fall / are falling) down when released.
4. Coffee (grows / is growing) in mountainous areas.
5. Wow, what a beautiful day it is today. The sun (shines /is shining) and the birds (sing / are singing).
6. Near the Arctic Circle, the sun (shines / is shining) more than 20 hours a day in summer.
7. Hello Sara. I (call / am calling) to invite you to a party at my house tomorrow night.
8. Please quiet. I (try / am trying) to study.
9. I am not doing well in school this year. I (fail / am failing) three courses.
10. My daughter always (bites / is biting) her fingernails.
11. That is a pretty car. I (envy / am envying) you having a nice car.
12. Welcome Jo. You (belong / are belonging) in this group.
13. Look at those scary dogs. I (fear / am fearing) big dogs.
14. This jar ( contains / is containing) a lot of quarters.
15. I (hate / am hating) this hot weather. I (hope / am hoping) it gets cooler soon.

### VOCABULARY

English has **formal** and **informal** words. When we are speaking at work or at school, we use more formal words. If you are talking to your friends, you use informal words. In the sentences above I used "speaking" which is more formal and "talking" which is more informal.

Read the sentences below and tell which is the more formal choice.

1. I'd like to (enquire / ask )about your English classes.
2. Things are (tough / difficult) for us right now.
3. Can you (check / verify) that this is correct.

4. The (whole / entire) building (exploded / blew up).
5. We decided to (buy / purchase) a new house.
6. I can't (put up with / tolerate) loud noise.
7. He (told / informed) me that I won the election.
8. I (live / reside) in Austin.
9. This job offers me the (chance / opportunity) to learn a new skill.
10. My neighbor is an (old / elderly) woman.
11. She has been (sick / ill) all week.
12. Thank you for your (gift / donation). We can (use / utilize) all of your old furniture.

English also has some **weird sounding** words. Read the sentences and tell from the context of the sentence what the word in bold means.

1-SIZZLE: When I wake up on Saturday morning, my husband is in the kitchen cooking my breakfast. The sound of the eggs **sizzling** in the pan and the smell of the bacon cooking make my mouth water.

What sounds or smells do you like to wake up to? Is there a smell that "makes your mouth water"?

2-DUMBFUNDED: I was **dumbfounded** to discover that my children were all good at math. I don't know how that could happen. I always struggled with math and my husband is not good at math either.

How do you feel about math? Are you dumbfounded by anything your kids can do?

3-SNITCH: I took a handful of my mom's cookies from the cookie jar. I wasn't supposed to eat them because she had baked them for her party. I had to share a couple of cookies with my little sister because she saw me take them and said she would **snitch** on me if I didn't give her some.

Did you ever snitch on your brothers or sisters?