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PRESENT
AROUND THE PRESENT
TEMPORARY SITUATIONS

NOW
RIGHT NOW
AT PRESENT
THIS WEEK

PRESENT CONTINUOUS - USE

We use **Present Continuous** to talk about what is happening right now, around the present or temporarily.

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TALKING ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW

We use it to talk about what we are doing now.

Examples: "It's raining"
"We're learning English"
"My mum is reading"

ALREDEDOR DEL PRESENTE

AROUND THE PRESENT

We use it to talk about something which is in progress around the present, not exactly at the moment of speaking.

Examples: "I am reading 'The Little Prince'"
"They are repairing the roof"
"She's studying a lot these days"

ACTIVIDADES TEMPORALES

TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES

We use it to describe temporary, not habitual or permanent situations.

Examples: "Peter is a student but he's working as a barman."
"I am living in London but I will go back to Manchester soon"

PRESENT CONTINUOUS vs PRESENT SIMPLE

PRESENT SIMPLE

HABITS, REGULAR or REPEATED ACTIONS

I **wash** my hair everyday.
He usually **gets** up at 7.

FACTS, LIKES, PERMANENT SITUATIONS

I **love** listening to rock music.
He **lives** in London.
I **work** as a teacher.

KEY WORDS

ALWAYS, OFTEN, RARELY, NEVER
TWO DAYS A WEEK, ONCE A MONTH...

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

ACTIONS IN PROGRESS NOW

Take your umbrella. It's **raining**.
He can't hear you. He **is having** a shower.

ACTIONS IN PROGRESS AROUND NOW TEMPORARY SITUATIONS

I **am reading** El Quijote. I love it.
My son **is working** as a waiter to pay
for his university.

KEY WORDS

NOW, RIGHT NOW, AT PRESENT
THIS WEEK, THIS MONTH...

WATCH OUT!

What do you do ? - *¿A qué te dedicas? (¿Qué haces habitualmente?)*

What are you doing ? - *¿Qué haces? ¿Qué estás haciendo? (ahora mismo)*

Where do you usually go at weekends? - *¿Dónde vas los fines de semana? (habitualmente)*

Where are you going ? - *¿Dónde vas? (ahora mismo)*