



LEVEL 01

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

OH MY GOD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING

Wentworth: Oh my god! What are you doing?

Sarah: My hair got stuck in the zip of my jacket. I am trying to remove it slowly but I feel like someone is pulling my hair.

Wentworth: Do you want me to help? I can see that you are suffering... Are you crying?

Sarah: Sorry... What are you saying?

Wentworth: I'm asking if you're crying...

Sarah: No, I'm not. It is just very unpleasant, that's all. I'm getting hot, I want to take off my jacket but I can't...

Wentworth: I think you're bleeding.

Sarah: I'm bleeding?

Wentworth: Stop for a moment.

Sarah: It doesn't matter. My head is hurting, it is irritating me. It has to stop. Could you give me a pair of scissors please?

Wentworth: You want a pair of scissors...Are you sure?

Sarah: Yes, I am.

Wentworth: Here you go...

Sarah: Ahh!

Wentworth: What a sigh of relief!

Sarah: I'm feeling good! At last! Here your scissors. Thank you very much.

Wentworth: You're welcome!



OH MY GOD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?	To take off
My hair	CAN
'got stuck'	To think
A zip	To bleed
A jacket	To stop
To try	To matter
To remove	'it doesn't matter'
slowly	My head
but	To hurt
To feel like	To irritate
Someone	To have to
To pull	COULD
My hair	A pair of scissors
To want	Very much
To help	sure
To see	'Here you go'
To suffer	A sigh
To cry	relief
To say	What a sigh ...
To ask	To feel good
if	At last
just	Here your scissors
very	Thank you
unpleasant	
'that's all'	You're welcome
To get hot	

Grammar: the Present continuous

In general, we use the Present continuous for actions happening now or temporarily.

Example:

my parents are sleeping

it is raining

I am watching a video while you are listening to a song.

a) The pattern

the Present continuous is formed with the present simple of 'BE' with a verb ending in ING after.

The pattern is = BE +vING



Example:

I am playing the guitar/ I am not playing the violin

You are listening to the radio/ You are not listening to a CD

He is reading a newspaper/ He is not reading a magazine

We are going to the cinema/ We are not going to the swimming-pool

They are drinking tea/ They are not drinking coffee

b) Time markers

We use the Present continuous with these time markers:

Today / Now / Currently / At the moment / These days

c) Non progressive verbs

You do not use these verbs at the Present continuous.

VERBS OF PREFERENCE	THE FIVE SENSES
To like	To hear
To hate	To see
To matter	To smell
To love	To taste
MENTAL ACTIONS	To feel
To believe	OTHER VERBS
To know	To need
To think(=opinion)	To mean
To understand	To want

d) Questions

We form questions with the Present continuous.

The basic pattern is: 'BE' + Subject + VING?

Example: Is Sarah studying? (= est-ce que Sarah est en train d'étudier ?)

What are you doing ?

Why are you laughing ?

What are they looking at?

Possible answers:

Yes, she is./ No, she isn't.

I'm watching TV.

Because I'm telling jokes.

They're looking at a picture.