



What Are You Doing? What Are You Studying?

Grammar

Present Continuous

We use the present continuous to show actions and progress at the moment of speaking.

For instance:

Look it's snowing.

I am cleaning my bedroom now.

He is watching a science fiction film with his friend.

With 'always' to show that something happens often and is surprising or annoying

For instance:

She is always leaving her socks everywhere in the house.

I'm always losing my pencil case at school.

They're always arriving late for dinner.

For temporary true states or situation

For instance:

He is studying art at the university of New York.

She is living in Paris at the moment.

I am doing a work replacement this month.

For changing states or situations

For instance:

The summer is getting hotter and hotter these days.

The winter is becoming colder and freezing.

My son is turning out to be smart at school.



Now, a dialogue between Sarah and Nina.

What are you doing? What are you studying?

Sarah is an English teacher at the university. Today she is having a lecture about work and professions. Listen to her talking to her students.

Sarah: Good morning my friends. Today we're going to ask about what are we doing and what are we studying. What are you studying?

Nina: I'm studying languages at the university of Milan. I'm learning different languages like Italian, English and Chinese.

Sarah: What are you doing at the moment?

Nina: I'm sitting in English drama for the exam of the 2nd of October.

Sarah: Good luck then. Wish you all the best. What about you Mike? What are you studying?

Mike: I'm studying history of Europe at the university of Milan.

Sarah: And what project are you working on at the moment?

Mike: I'm studying the English language because I have an exam next week.

Sarah: Chelly, what are you studying? And what are you doing at the university of Milan?



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Chelly: I'm studying early childhood education and I have few exams in English. So I am learning English to pass these exams. I am helping my friends on their final projects as an observer, as well. We are working with children at different kindergartens as part of the university training.

Sarah: Wow sounds interesting. Well good luck then.