

**English on the air II**

**إنجليزي عَ الهواء II**

# Comprehension

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# Today's Reading:

- **Colossians 4: 2-6:** Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude. Don't forget to pray for us, that God will open doors for telling the mystery of Christ, even while I'm locked up in this jail. Pray that every time I open my mouth I'll be able to make Christ plain as day to them. Use your heads as you live and work among outsiders. Don't miss a trick. Make the most of every opportunity. Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out.

# Vocabulary

## مفردات ومعاني

# General conversation

## أحاديث عامّة

Here are some common phrases for general conversation with people you already know.

**Asking how someone is:**

- How are you?
- How's it going? (informal)
- How are you doing? (informal)
- How's life? (informal)
- How are things? (informal)
- I'm fine, thanks.
- I'm OK, thanks.
- Not too bad, thanks.
- Alright, thanks.
- Not so well.
- How about you?/ And you?/ And yourself?

## **Asking what someone is or has been doing:**

- What are you up to?
- What have you been up to?
- Working a lot.

Studying a lot.

I've been very busy.

Same as usual.

Not much.

## **Asking about someone's plans:**

- Do you have any plans for the summer?
- What are you doing for Christmas/ New Year/ Easter?

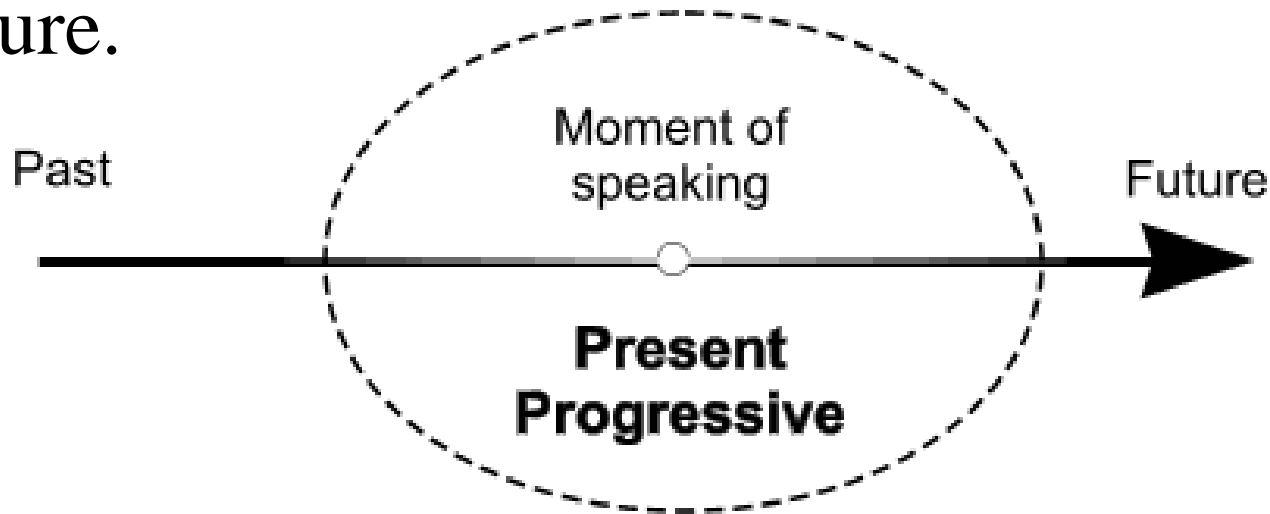
# Grammar

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# Present Progressive:

- The present progressive, also known as present continuous, puts emphasis on the course or duration of an action.
- It is used for actions going on in the moment of speaking and for actions taking place only for a short period of time. It is also used to express development and actions that are arranged for the near future.



# Present Progressive:

- Use a form of to be and the infinite verb plus -ing.
  - am with the personal pronoun I
  - is with the personal pronouns he, she or it (or the singular form of nouns)
  - are with the personal pronouns you, we, they (or the plural form of nouns)

	Affirmative	Negative	Question
I	I am playing.	I am not playing.	Am I playing?
he, she, it	He is playing.	He is not playing.	Is he playing?
you, we, they	You are playing.	You are not playing.	Are you playing?

# **Present Progressive:**

## **how to form negative sentences and questions:**

- As demonstrated in the table above, in negative sentences, we put "not" between the form of "be" and the verb.
  - *I am not joking.*
- In questions, we simply swop the places of subject and the form of be.
  - *Are you kidding me?*

# Present Progressive

## Short Forms:

<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Negative</b>
I am playing. I'm playing.	I am not playing. I'm not playing.
He is playing. He's playing.	He is not playing. He's not playing. He isn't playing.
We are playing. We're playing.	We are not playing. We're not playing. We aren't playing.

# Present Progressive

## Exceptions in Spelling

- A single, silent e at the end of the word is dropped before -ing:
  - *come - coming. (I am coming).*
- But: ee at the end of the word is not changed:
  - *agree - agreeing. (He is agreeing with me).*
- The final consonant after a short, stressed vowel is doubled before -ing:
  - *sit - sitting. (I am sitting on the sofa).*
- An ie at the end of a word becomes y before -ing:
  - *lie - lying. (I am lying in bed).*

# Idioms:

Idiom	Meaning
Strike up a conversation	- to start a conversation (with someone). <i>It's easy to strike up a conversation with someone when you're traveling.</i>
A Blessing In Disguise	-Something good that isn't recognized at first. <i>You getting fired might be a blessing in disguise, be patient.</i>
Actions Speak Louder Than Words	-It's better to actually do something than just talk about it. <i>Don't say you love her, but act accordingly. Actions speak louder than words, you know!</i>