

# CORREZIONI E CHIARIMENTI

## RISPETTO LEZIONE 14.03.16 (Present Continuous)

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### LANGUAGE

- TO LOOK **AT** = guardare/osservare (per esempio, guardare/osservare una slide)
- **Ripasso uso articoli THE/A-AN**
- GUYS = too colloquial
- HI! = too colloquial
- Attenzione ai verbi alle 3e persone singolari (he/she/it)
- Esplicitare sempre il soggetto nella frase (se impersonale, usare IT/WE)
- TO BE FORMED **FROM** = essere formato da

### GRAMMAR / PRESENT CONTINUOUS

The present continuous tense is formed from the present tense of the verb **be** and the present participle (**-ing** form) of a verb

1. We use the present continuous tense to talk about the present:

- for something that is happening **at the moment of speaking**:

**I'm just leaving** work. I'll be home in an hour.  
Please be quiet. The children **are sleeping**.

- for something **which is happening before and after a given time:**

At eight o'clock we **are usually having** breakfast.  
When I get home the children **are doing** their homework.



**PER LE "ABITUDINI" SI UTILIZZA IL PRESENT SIMPLE**

- for something which **we think is temporary:**

Michael is at university. He's **studying** history.  
I'm **working** in London for the next two weeks.

- for something which is **new** and **contrasts** with a previous state:

These days most people **are using** email instead of writing letters.  
What sort of clothes **are teenagers wearing** nowadays? What sort of music **are they listening to?**

- to show that something is changing, growing or **developing:**

The children **are growing** quickly.  
The climate **is changing** rapidly.  
Your English **is improving**.

- for something which happens **again and again:**

It's **always raining** in London.  
They **are always arguing**.  
George is great. He's **always laughing**.

**Note:** We normally use *always* with this use.



**QUALCOSA DI IRRITANTE/FASTIDIOSO:**

- She is ALWAYS coming to class late.
- He is CONSTANTLY talking. I wish he would shut up.
- I don't like them because they are ALWAYS complaining

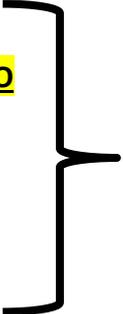
2. We use the present continuous tense to talk about the **future**:

- for something which has been **arranged** or **planned**:

Mary **is going** to a new school next term.  
What **are you doing** next week?

3. We can use the present continuous to talk about the **past**: **BUT ONLY AND LIMITED TO**

- When we are telling a **story**:
- When we are summarising the story from a book, film or play etc.:



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