

الدرس السابع عشر - Seventeenth Lesson

The Present Continuous

Yes/No Questions:

Examples:

- *Are you reading a story?*
 - *Yes, I am.*
- *Is Hamid listening to the radio?*
 - *No, he isn't.*
- *Is he writing a letter?*
 - *Yes, he is.*
- *Is Loubna studying?*
 - *Yes, she is.*
- *Is your cat sleeping?*
 - *No, it isn't.*
- *Are Kamal and Najib traveling to Marrakesh?*
 - *No, they aren't.*
- *Are they playing soccer?*
 - *Yes, they are.*

W/H Questions:

Examples:

- *What are you doing?*
 - *I am painting my room.*
- *What is Houda doing?*
 - *She is knitting.*
- *When are you traveling?*
 - *I'm traveling this evening.*
- *Where are they going to this weekend?*
 - *They are going to the stadium.*

Remember:

- A single, silent *e* at the end of the word is dropped before *ing*.
 - *Example: come -> coming*
 - *I am coming home. You are coming home. He is coming home.*
- But: *ee* at the end of the word is not changed.
 - *Example: agree -> agreeing*
- The final consonant after a short, stressed vowel is doubled before *ing*.
 - *Example: sit -> sitting*
 - *I am sitting on the sofa. You are sitting on the sofa. He is sitting on the sofa.*
- The letter *l* as the final consonant after a vowel is always doubled before *ing*.
 - *Example: travel -> travelling*
 - *I am traveling around. You are traveling around. He is traveling around.*

Important:

- This applies only for British English; in American English, there is usually only one *l*.
- An *ie* at the end of a word becomes *y* before *ing*.
 - *Example: lie -> lying*
 - *I am lying in bed. You are lying in bed. He is lying in bed.*

Affirmative/Negative Forms:

Full/Short Forms:

- *Examples:*
 - *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.*