



Present continuous



- 1 Pay attention to this excerpt from the conversation between Jacomina and Kuan-Yin and choose the correct option.
Preste atenção a este trecho da conversa entre Jacomina e Kuan-Yin e escolha a opção correta.

Jacomina: Excuse me, are you speaking Mandarin?

Kuan-Yin: Yes, I am. I'm teaching Lena a few words.

They're talking about:

- () a situation happening now
- () a routine situation
- () a future situation

- 2 Read the following sentences. Then, complete the statements about the verbs in bold.

Leia as frases a seguir. Depois, complete as afirmações sobre os verbos destacados.

- I. **Is** Susan **delivering** a lecture on languages in the auditorium right now?
- II. The conference about indigenous languages **is taking** place next weekend.
- III. Foreigners **are** always **learning** new words.

- a) Sentence number _____ refers to a fact that happens repeatedly.
- b) Sentence number _____ indicates that the action happens at the moment of speaking.
- c) Sentence number _____ refers to an action in the near future.

Use the **present continuous** to describe an ongoing action (something happening at the moment of speech), to make descriptions and to indicate repeating facts. It's also possible to use it to indicate a definite arrangement in the near future.

- 3 What's the **present continuous** structure? Go back to the examples, check the words in bold and complete the rule.

Qual é a estrutura do presente contínuo? Volte aos exemplos, verifique as palavras em negrito e complete a regra.

- ▶ Affirmative sentences: subject + be + main verb with _____
- ▶ Negative sentences: _____ + be not + main verb with -ing
- ▶ Questions: _____ + subject + main verb with -ing?