

**Week 4**  
**Supplementary material**  
**English for migrant activists**

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## WHAT IS PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE?

The Present Continuous tense is used to talk about actions happening now or around this time.

### Structure:

- **Positive:** Subject + am/is/are + verb (-ing)
  - *She is attending a meeting now.*
  - *They are learning English.*
- **Negative:** Subject + am/is/are + not + verb (-ing)
  - *He is not working today.*
  - *We are not leaving the country.*
- **Question:** Am/Is/Are + subject + verb (-ing)?
  - *Are you applying for a visa?*
  - *Is she looking for a job?*

### Common Uses:

- Describing actions happening now: *The lawyer is explaining the process.*
- Talking about ongoing situations: *Many migrants are facing challenges.*
- Discussing future plans: *We are organizing a protest next week.*

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### Examples Related to Migrant Issues

1. *She is waiting at the immigration office.*
2. *They are protesting against unfair wages.*
3. *The organization is helping refugees find housing.*
4. *Are you attending the legal workshop tomorrow?*
5. *He is not staying in the shelter anymore.*
6. *The workers are demanding better conditions.*
7. *Is the government providing more support for migrants?*

**Tip:**

- Use contractions: *is not* → *isn't* (*He isn't working today.*) and *are not* → *aren't* (*They aren't coming to the meeting.*)
- Use "now," "at the moment," or "this week" to show actions happening in the present.

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### Practice Exercises

**A. Fill in the blanks with the correct present continuous form**

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for her asylum interview.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not receive) support from their employer.
3. The community \_\_\_\_\_ (organize) an event for new migrants.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not look) for a new job.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (join) the human rights campaign?

**B. Rewrite the sentences in negative form**

1. The migrants are learning about their rights. → \_\_\_\_\_
2. She is working at a local charity. → \_\_\_\_\_
3. The workers are discussing their problems. → \_\_\_\_\_
4. He is staying in a temporary shelter. → \_\_\_\_\_
5. We are meeting with a lawyer today. → \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Discussion Questions**

- What challenges are migrants facing today?
- How are organizations helping migrants at the moment?
- What actions are you taking to support migrant communities?