



A Big adventure: Back to my room!

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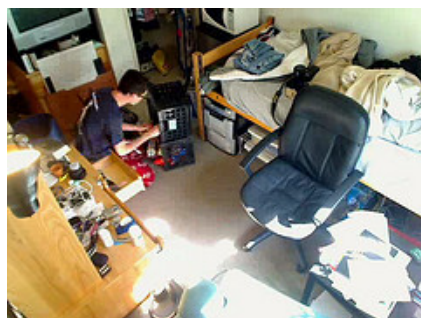
Lesson

A big adventure
Back to my room!



Focus on

Juan is back in his room at the hostel. He **is staying** at the London Youth Hostel . It has nice, cozy rooms and the price is OK. You can share the room but Juan **is sleeping** in a private room with a bathroom. He wants to rent or share a flat but he **is planning** to stay here for a few weeks. His room is a mess now. This morning he left in a hurry and all his clothes and personal things are on the bed, on the floor, under the table, behind the chair, everywhere! He doesn't know where to start. Suddenly, he receives a phone call. It's his friend Mati ... "Hi Juan, what are you doing?"



Look at the picture:

What is Juan doing?

a) He **is fixing** a computer.

b) **He is tidying up** his room.

c) **He is feeding** his pet.

Find out,

[Check](#) [here](#).

Look at the words in **bold letters**, they are verbs in present continuous tense.

We use it to describe actions that occur in the present moment.

1. Let's check the basics



The present continuous tense is normally used to talk about things we are doing NOW.

Do you remember?

- Form

am/is/are + present
participle (verb + ing)



I am tuning my piano.

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1. We use *present continuous* to talk about something that is happening now, **at** the time of speaking.

- What **is** she **doing**?
- She **is writing** an email.

2. We use *present continuous* to talk about actions we repeat **around** the time of speaking.

- I'm **working out** at the gym these days.
- She's always **complaining** about her boss.

3. We use *present continuous* to talk about **temporary** situations.

- Where **is** he **living**?
- He's **living** in Spain at the moment.

4. We use *present continuous* to talk about **future** arrangements.

- I'm **taking** my flatmate to the train station at 6 o'clock tomorrow.
- He's **cleaning** up his room

5. We do not normally use verbs like *believe, belong, hate, know, like, love, mean, want, understand*

with present continuous because these verbs are not normally action verbs.

- They **want** some Spanish lessons now. ☒
- They ~~**are wanting**~~ some Spanish lessons. ☐

Spelling rules:

1. Most verbs: add **-ing**. For example, work > **working**; ski > **skiing**; study > **studying**
2. Verbs ending in -e: remove the -e and add **-ing**. For example, "come > **coming**
3. Verbs ending in -ie: remove the -ie and add **-ying**. For example, lie > **lying**
4. Verbs ending in consonant + vowel + consonant, double the ending consonant. For example, stop" > **stopping**.
5. *Only double the ending consonant for stressed syllables. For example, "begin" > **beginning**, but unstressed visit > visiting.
6. *Note also we don't double these letters: **w, x, y** and **z**: play > playing; box > boxing; sew > sewing



Moving on

Do you want to practice? [Check these exercises.](#)



Do it yourself

Complete these sentences and don't use contractions in this exercise:

Ex: Phil (watch) **is watching** a film now. John **is not going** to the show.

1.What (you do) next Saturday?

2.(you share) your room?

3. Where (you go) tonight?

4. Jason and Petra (work) this weekend.

5. Paul (sit) next to John.

6. She (call) the front desk.

7.Sam (not listen) to the radio.

8.I (not use) my car.

9. John (hurry) because he's late .

10.(she drive) ?

2. Doing Things



Focus on

Juan is organizing the mess in his room and he is wondering "What are my friends doing right now?"

What are these people doing?



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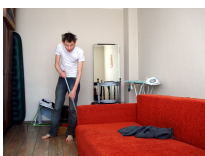


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Do it yourself

Look at the pictures and mark True (verdadero) or False (falso).

A group of people are having a beer in the garden.

☐ True ☐ False

True

A man is having a shower.

☐ True ☐ False

False

There are people having lunch in a cafeteria.

☐ True ☐ False

True

A woman is texting a message on her phone.

☐ True ☐ False

True

Some men are playing cards.

☐ True ☐ False

False

A young man is cleaning up his room.

☐ True ☐ False

True

Some men are hanging out on guy's night.

☐ True ☐ False

True

A man is shaving in the morning.

☐ True ☐ False

True



Do it yourself

Look at these words:

singing watching,
hanging-out,
going-out,
cleaning-up,
ironing, texting,
renting, listening,
resetting.



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Complete the sentences below using these words.

What is he doing now?

1. He's a game on TV.
2. He is his shirt for tomorrow
3. He's with the guys.
4. He is a room in a guest house until he finds flat.
5. He's a message to his girlfriend.
6. Can't you hear him? He's in the shower.
7. He's the router, he can't Skype® his folks back home.
8. He's his flat.
9. He is to the radio.
10. He's with friends today.

Get score

Show/Clear Answers

3. I'm cleaning up



Focus on

Mati is Juan's newest friend. She is working in an office near Juan's workplace. She's a social media marketing promoter in a publishing company, she uses Facebook, Linkedin, Twitter to sell and promote her company. She's Brazilian, quite attractive and has invited Juan to go out with her and some friends many times. The problem is that Juan never accepts her invitations, he always has an excuse.

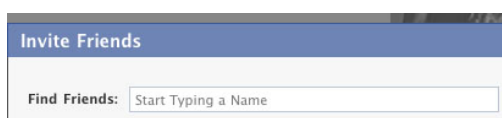


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How would you invite Juan to go out for the evening or to a party?

Check here for some ideas. [LINK](#)



Do it yourself

friends? We're going out.

Juan: That sounds good but I'm too busy now. Maybe
Choose the sentence or expression that means ...
next time.

Mati: What?? I'm not having NO for an answer. John
Read and listen to this telephone conversation between Juan and his new friend
Mati. Leave whatever you're doing and come.

Juan: But
Choose the sentence or expression in the dialogue that means ...

Mati: Listen, take the underground to Whitechapel and
meet us at 8 just outside the entrance.

An offer to go out for the evening.



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- ☐ I'm calling the front desk and nobody answers.
- ☐ Do you want to come with me and some friends?
- ☐ What are you doing?
- ☐ Meet us at 8 just outside the entrance.

No, here he is complaining.

Yes, "Do you want to come?" is an offer.

No, this question is to ask about an activity a person is doing.

No, this is the meeting point.

Solution

1. Wrong
2. Correct Option
3. Wrong
4. Wrong

An activity where people do chores like vacuuming, dusting or washing windows every day.

- ☐ Take the underground.
- ☐ It's quite messy.
- ☐ Daily housekeeping.
- ☐ I'm too busy.

No, this suggests to use this transport.

No, this describes an untidy room.

Yes, house chores like sweeping and vacuuming are daily housekeeping.

No, you say this when you have a lot of work.

Solution

1. Wrong
2. Wrong
3. Correct Option
4. Wrong



Culture counts

Do you want to find out more things about British meals?

Read this article about [British meals and meal times](#), it's very interesting.

What does the expression "Stop off for elevenses" mean?

[Hint 1](#) [Hint 2](#)



Using an easy technique to improve pronunciation: Shadowing.

Do you know that you can improve your English pronunciation by copying or mimicking another person's voice, accent or intonation? (Are you interested? [Read More.](#))

Let's practice!!

- Step 1: Listen to the audio recording.

- Step 2: Repeat and record the sentence after you hear it. Record your voice on your telephone, computer or recorder.
- Step 3: Listen to your recording and compare. Does it sound similar?

Example: Hi John. Are you going out tonight?

Shadowing sample:



Now, it's your turn. Practice (Remember to record)

4. Having dinner



Culture counts

Read the following text, it comes from a question and answer website, like Ask.com or Yahoo answers. A Spanish student living in the UK is asking about meals and meal times.

When do we say it's "lunch", "dinner" or "supper"?

Best answers.com

Questions

When do we say it's "lunch", "dinner" or "supper"?

Is there a particular difference between supper and dinner?

And in what circumstances lunch becomes dinner?

As a foreigner all this is very confusing, I sometimes hear that a noon-time meal is dinner, and the evening meal is called supper but then there is also lunch around noon and dinner in the evening. At least I know that breakfast is what I eat at day-break! - JorgeUK, Apr 25

Answers

Dinner: The [Oxford](#) dictionary defines *dinner* as the main meal of the day, taken either around midday or in the evening. Most dictionaries leave open the question of "time of day". This is because there is a great deal of regional and social class variation. In some parts of the UK (and also in some other parts of the English-speaking world) when people take their main meal in the middle of the day it is called dinner. I personally think that dinner and supper are synonyms.

Supper: *Supper* is a lighter evening meal. The root of this word "to sup", it means eat or drink liquid food, like soup. It probably comes from countryside traditions.

Lunch: *Lunch* is used specifically when referring to a midday meal. It is the midday (noon) equivalent of *supper*, it's also a lighter and less formal meal than *dinner*. - AdminSr Apr 25

Comments

- For working-class families in Liverpool, in the North of England, dinner was traditionally the noon-time meal, and there is an afternoon or evening meal called Tea. However, this is changing because people move about and some try to speak "correct" English and sound more "Southern". Ha ha! - Robby Apr 25
- Is this BrE? In my version of AmE lang/culture (normal and mainstream language) whatever the size of the meal, 'lunch' is midday and 'dinner' or 'supper' is in the evening. - Matt Apr 25
- There's actually quite a variation in different regions of the US. It's quite common to hear Dinner as the noontime meal in many areas of the American South. In Texas some regions have Dinner at 12:45 and Supper at 6 pm. Young generations use "lunch" for noon meals and have dinner in the evening. - Shirley10 Apr 26
- Sometimes dinner is a big special meal instead of lunch or supper, like Sunday dinner or Thanksgiving dinner. When I was young we only used supper but now only dinner. - CapAm Nov 28
- And on Christmas day, most people sit down to a Christmas dinner - at lunchtime! - Robby Dec 2



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Let's practise writing! The best way to develop vocabulary is by using the language in context.

Look at the photo and describe what is happening.

Here are some old people at the swimming-pool.

Some are swimming and splashing in the pool. They're having a good time. Two women are chatting and a man with sunglasses is listening to their



conversation. The woman with the pink swimsuit is sitting on a chair. The lady with the black bikini is looking for something in the garden.

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Now you can do the same with the next picture. Remember to use the present continuous tense.



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Do it yourself

A cover version: Lemon Tree by Fools Garden

In pop music a cover song or cover version or cover is a new version by another artist. These are normally amateurs.

Listen to this cover by Nathaniel's Batch 16, it's quite good, and complete the activity below. (Check the Indian Accent!)

Lemon Tree (Cover...



Listen, read and complete the lyrics with the words in the box.

I'm here in a boring room
it's just another rainy Sunday afternoon
I'm my time, I've got
nothing to do
I'm around ,
I'm waiting for you
but nothing ever happens, and I wonder
I'm around in my car
I'm too fast, I'm
 too far
I'd like to change my point of view
I feel so lonely, I'm for you
but nothing ever happens, and I wonder
I wonder how, I wonder why
yesterday you told me 'bout the blue blue sky
and all that I can see is just a yellow lemon
tree
I'm my head up and down
I'm , turning, turning,
turning, turning around
and all that I can see is just another lemon
tree
Sing! da, da da dee da,

(listen to the rest of the song and enjoy!)



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5. Bitesize

Bite size



The present continuous tense. We have practised other present tenses.



-ing word endings.



Every day activities, meals and meal times.

Spelling: Basic rules in -ing word endings.



Describing events that occur in the present moment. How to invite someone to a party.



Meals and meal times.

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