Riverside Community College
Directed Learning Activity ESL 542C

Topic: Simple Present and Present Progressive Tense Review

Go to “ESL Applications” on the Writing & Reading Center’s computer. Click on the Understanding and Using English Grammar icon. Log in. If this is the first time you have used UUEG, please log in as a new student.

1. Go to “Chapter 2.” Listen to or read the introduction and review the rules in Chart 2-1, 2-2, and 2-3.

2. Complete Exercise 6 and check your answers. Be sure to use your dictionary to look up the meaning of any words you don’t know. Print the exercise.

3. Write a paragraph describing your environment at this moment (at least 5 sentences). Describe where you are at the moment, what you are doing, what others around you are doing. Tell the reader what you see, hear, smell, feel or taste. (NOTE: Do not worry about writing a formal academic paragraph with a clear topic sentence at this time.)

EXAMPLE:

At this moment, I’m sitting at my dining room table and typing on my computer. It is a beautiful sunny day, and when I look out the big corner window, I see the trees in my front yard are blowing in a gentle breeze. The mailman is walking up the sidewalk to my house to deliver the mail. I hope the new Netflix movie is in the mail. My cat is lying under the table at my feet and licking his paws. I hear my husband in the kitchen. He is washing dishes from our breakfast while I am writing this paragraph. It seems like the start of a great day!

4. Underline the verb of each sentence. In the example above, the verbs are marked as bold words. Remember that you may have more than one subject or verb in each sentence. Make sure your subjects and verbs agree. Beware of stative (non-action) verbs. Correct your paragraph.

5. Review your paragraph with an instructor in the Writing Center, and ask about anything you don’t understand.

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