Grammar Reference

Articles

1. ***Indefinite Articles: a, an***
   - Article **"an"** is used with a singular noun beginning with a vowel *(a, e, i, o, u)* or vowel sound.

     Example: **an** orange, **an** ant, **an** hour
   - Article **"a"** is used with a singular noun beginning with a consonant or consonant sound.

     Example: **a** student, **a** shop, **a** phone, **a** university

2. ***Definite Article (the)***
   - Article "**the"** is used to talk about a noun that has been mentioned before.

     Example:
     I have ***a cat*** *(first mentioned)*. ***The cat*** *(second time it is mentioned)* is white. *(In the 2nd sentence, both speaker and listener know which cat the speaker refers to.)*
   - Article **"the"** is used to talk about a noun that both the speaker and the listener know.

     Example:
     Please close ***the door***. *(Both speaker and listener know which door to close.)*

   - Article **"the"** is also used to talk about a noun that is unique (the only one).

     Example:
     The sun rises in the morning.
     The king of Cambodia is very kind.

Present Continuous Tense

Use: Present continuous is used:

1. to describe an action that is going on at the time of speaking
Example:
She is studying English grammar now.
2. to describe an action that is going on around now
Example:
These days he is watching a new Korean drama.
3. to describe a temporary action
Example:
He's living with his brother until he finds a place of his own.

Positive & Negative forms:

Subject	to be (not)	v-ing
He/She/It	is (not)	
You/We/They	are (not)	

Question form:

To be	subject +	v-ing	Short answers
Am	I		Yes, I am. No, I'm not.
Is	he/she/it	eat**ing?**	Yes, he/she/it is. No, he/she/it isn't
Are	you/we/they		Yes, you/we/they are. No, you/we/they aren't.

Present Continuous Spelling Rules

Rules	Examples
For most verbs, just add *"ing"*	Cook – **Cook**ing Eat – **Eat**ing
For verbs ending in *"e"*, delete *"e"* and add *"ing"*	Live – **liv**ing Write – **Writ**ing
For verbs ending in *"Consonant, Vowel, and Consonant",* double the last consonant and add *"ing".* For two-syllable verbs ending with *"Consonant, Vowel, and Consonant"* and the last syllable is stressed, double the last consonant and add *"ing".*	Sit – **Sitt**ing Swim – **Swimm**ing Permit – Permi**tt**ing
For verbs ending in *"X, Y, W,"* just add *"ing"*	Fix – **Fix**ing Play – **Play**ing Bow – **Bow**ing
For verbs ending in *"ie"*, change the **"ie"** to "*y*" before adding **"ing"**	Lie – **Ly**ing Die – **Dy**ing