

Patina · Grammar

Is · Is Studying · Is Going to Study

present · present continuous · going to

In Class 3 you compared two of these. Here is the third. The little verb — **am, is, are** — is the same in all three, and it never changes. What comes *after* it is what moves the sentence in time: nothing, a **verb-ing**, or **going to** + a verb.

★ three ways to talk about time · ★★ how to build it · ★★★ which one is it, then choose the form · ★★★ say it later, then fix it

★ Three ways to talk about time

Three ways to talk about time. The little verb is the same in all three. Only what comes after it changes.

Am, is and are never change. What comes after them moves the sentence in time.

PRESENT

always

am / is / are + a word

She **IS** a student. 🗣️

I **AM** from Ecuador. 🗣️

They **ARE** teachers. 🗣️

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

now

am / is / are + verb-ing

She **IS** study**ing** right now. 🗣️

I **AM** eat**ing** lunch now. 🗣️

They **ARE** teach**ing** now. 🗣️

GOING TO

later

am / is / are + going to + verb

She **IS** go**ing to** study tomorrow. 🗣️

I **AM** go**ing to** eat later. 🗣️

They **ARE** go**ing to** teach next week. 🗣️

Your language already has a word for later. English uses two: **going to**, and then the plain verb with nothing added.

★★ How to build it

The subject still chooses am, is or are. That is the same skill in all three times.

She **is** a student. 🗣️

She **is** studying. 🗣️

She **is** going to study. 🗣️

I	-----	am	🗣️
You	-----	are	🗣️
He/She/It	-----	is	🗣️
We	-----	are	🗣️
They	-----	are	🗣️

Start with the subject. The tree gives you the little red word. It is the same word in all three times.

★★★ Which one is it?

Which one is it: present, present continuous, or going to?

1	right now	present	present continuous	going to
2	tomorrow	present	present continuous	going to
3	always	present	present continuous	going to
4	next week	present	present continuous	going to
5	at the moment	present	present continuous	going to
6	every day	present	present continuous	going to

Now choose the form

Look at the last words. They tell you which form to use. Type the form, then put the whole sentence in the chat.

1	Nadège _____ a student.	is	is studying	is going to study
2	Nadège _____ at the moment.	is	is studying	is going to study
3	They _____ teachers.	are	are teaching	are going to teach
4	They _____ at the moment.	are	are teaching	are going to teach
5	Farid _____ hungry.	is	is eating	is going to eat
6	Farid _____ lunch at the moment.	is	is eating	is going to eat

★★★ Say it later

Write the same sentence again with going to, for later.

1 Nadège is studying.

2 They are teaching.

3 Farid is eating lunch.

Fix the sentence

Each sentence is broken in one place. Keep every word and change only what is broken.

1 ✗ Nadège is study at the moment.

Now needs the -ing.

2 ✗ They going to teach.

Do not drop are.

3 ✗ Farid is going to eating.

After going to, no -ing.

4 ✗ He is going to reads.

After going to, no -s.

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