THE FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

ENGLISH COURSE – ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES III

Present Continuous

 We make the Present Continuous positive and negative with: subject + be + (not) + verb+ing.

I'm (not) cooking dinner at the moment. You/We/They are/aren't writing a book. He/She/It's/isn't becoming more popular.

 We make Present Continuous questions with: (question word) + am/are/is + subject + verb+ing.

What am I doing here? Who are you/we/they talking to? Is he/she/it working today?

G2.2 Present Continuous and Present Simple

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- We use the Present Continuous for things that:
 - a) are happening at the moment of speaking: I'm cooking dinner. That's exactly what I'm making!
 - b) are temporary and happening around now, but maybe not at this exact moment: I'm writing a book in my spare time. She's doing an evening course in traditional English cooking!
 - c) are changing over a period of time: The market is growing rapidly. They're becoming more common in Germany.

Present Simple

- For I/you/we/they, the Present Simple positive is the same as the infinitive. For he/she/it, we add -s or -es to the infinitive: he lives; she goes; it works.
- We make the Present Simple negative with: subject + don't/doesn't + infinitive.
 I/You/We/They don't cook. He/She/It doesn't go out.
- We make Present Simple questions with: (question word) + do/does + subject + infinitive.
 Where do I/you/we/they live? Does he/she/it work?

• We use the Present Simple for:

- a) habits, daily routines, things we do every day/week/year, etc.: My mother still cooks a full three-course meal every evening. These days we only spend 20 minutes each day cooking food.
- b) things that we think are permanent, or true for a long time: People who live in the UK spend over £1 billion a year. People in the USA and Sweden also buy a lot of ready meals.
- c) verbs that describe states (have got, be, know, think, etc.):
 Many experts now believe that they're bad for our health.
 We need to read the labels carefully.

ACTIVITY AND STATE VERBS

- Activity verbs talk about activities and actions. We can use activity verbs in the Present Simple and the Present Continuous (and other continuous verb forms): I watch TV every evening. I'm watching TV now. Typical activity verbs are: watch, talk, spend, eat, learn, buy, cook, take.
- State verbs talk about states, feelings and opinions. We don't usually use state verbs in the Present Continuous (or other continuous verb forms): I like broccoli. not I'm liking broccoli.

'be and have' verbs	'think and know' verbs	'like and hate' verbs	senses	other verbs
be have (got) own belong	think know believe understand remember forget mean	like love hate prefer want	see hear taste smell touch	hope seem need cost agree weigh contain

Study the explanations and compare the examples:

Present continuous (I am doing)

Use the continuous for something that is happening at or around the time of speaking. The action is not finished.

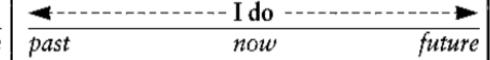
I am doing

past now future

- The water is boiling. Can you turn it off?
- Listen to those people. What language are they speaking?
- Let's go out. It isn't raining now.
- Don't disturb me. I'm busy.' 'Why? What are you doing?'
- I'm going to bed now. Goodnight!
- Maria is in Britain at the moment. She's learning English.

Present simple (I do)

Use the simple for things in general or things that happen repeatedly.



- Water boils at 100 degrees celsius.
- Excuse me, do you speak English?
- It doesn't rain very much in summer.
- What do you usually do at weekends?
- What do you do? (= What's your job?)
- I always go to bed before midnight.
- Most people learn to swim when they are children.

Adverbial phrases of time

Present Continuous

NOW

AT THIS MOMENT

LOOK!

LISTEN!

TODAY

TONIGHT

THIS...

Simple Present

Every...

Always

Usually

Often

Sometimes

Rarely/seldom

Never

COMPARE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES:

I AM WORKING IN A FACTORY.
I WORK IN A FACTORY.

I HOPE YOU WILL COME.
I AM HOPING YOU WILL COME.

I THINK THEY WILL CALL YOU.
I AM THINKING ABOUT MOVING OUT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.
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COMPARE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES:

I AM WORKING IN A FACTORY.

I WORK IN A FACTORY.

PERMANENT

I HOPE YOU WILL COME.

I AM HOPING YOU WILL COME.

POLITE

I THINK THEY WILL CALL YOU. TO HAVE AN OPINION
I AM THINKING ABOUT MOVING OUT. TO CONSIDER
SOMETHING

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU. FORMAL
I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.
A BIT INFORMAL

This is a part of a report that a personnel manager wrote after interviewing a candidate for the position of Director of Software Development. Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or present continuous tense:

Articulate and well presented, Paul Sutherland is an excellent candidate for the post of
Director of Software Development. He (want) to leave his present employer,
a small computer company, because he (feel) that he
(not use) his knowledge of software engineering to the full. He
(look for) a more challenging position where his field of specialisation
can be exploited in a more stimulating environment. He (realise) that
our company (grow) rapidly, and that he would be expected to
contribute to that growth. He is familiar with our existing range of software and regularly
(read) our publications.

Although at present he	(live) in the south, he
(say) that he is willing to go whe	rever we (decide) to send him. He
occasionally	_ (travel) to various European countries for trade fairs
and exhibitions and	(enjoy) meeting people of different nationalities.
At the moment he	(attend) a training course at the Goethe Institute
in order to perfect his German.	

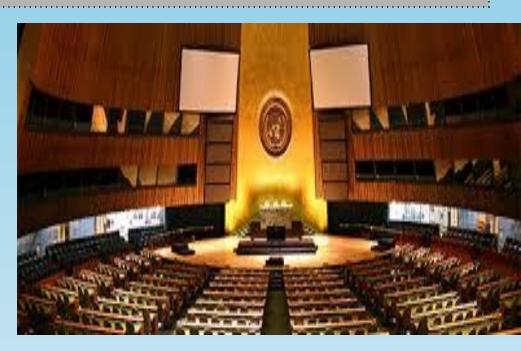
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27th January 2004

KEY:

wants, feels, isn't using, is looking for, realises, is growing, reads, is living, says, decide, travels, enjoys, is attending

THE UNITED NATIONS







The history of world politics for the past 350 years has largely been a chronicle of interactions among states that remain the dominant political organizations in the world. States' interests, capabilities and goals significantly shape world politics. However, the supremacy of the state has been severely challenged in recent years.

Increasingly, world affairs are being influenced by intergovernmental organizations that transcend national boundaries - global international organizations such as the United Nations (UN) and regional organizations such as the European Union (EU). In addition, there exist many ways that individual people band together as coalitions of private citizens in groups to play influential roles in international affairs. Religions, nationalities based on ethnic and linguistic heritages, multinational corporations are examples and of nongovernmental organizations.

There are two principal types of nonstate actors: intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), whose members are states, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), whose members are private individuals and groups.

The United Nations (UN) is the best-known global organization. What distinguishes it from most other IGOs is its nearly universal membership, including today 190 independent states from every region. In principle, any sovereign state accepting the UN's regulations and principles can join, but the great powers have often let realpolitik political considerations dictate what countries were admitted.

In addition to its nearly universal membership and its pervasive politics mirroring world politics, the UN is also a multipurpose organization. As Article 1 of the UN Charter states, the objectives are to:

- Maintain international peace and security
- Develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and selfdetermination of peoples

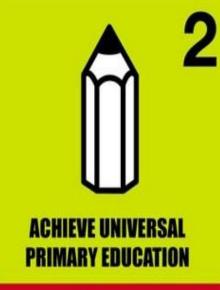
- Achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all
- Function as a center for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends

The UN has sought from its birth to combine the dual goals of preserving peace and improving the quality of life for humanity. These twin missions have carried the UN into nearly every corner of the complex network of interstate relations. The UN's conference machinery has become permanent: it has provided a mechanism for the management of international conflict, and increasingly the UN has become involved in a broad range of global welfare issues.

The history of the UN reflects the fact that both rich countries and developing countries have successfully used the organization to promote their own foreign policy goals, and this proud record has bred hopes throughout the world that the UN will be able to manage an ever changing and growing agenda. The UN Millennium Summit attended in September 2000 by 150 world leaders, which led to the ratification of nearly 300 treaties and conventions, made explicit the UN's ideology expressed in its eight millennium goals:



EXCLUSION















- (1) Eradicate extreme poverty & hunger,
- (2) Achieve universal primary education,
- (3) Promote gender equality and empower women,
- (4) Reduce child mortality,
- (5)Improve maternal health,
- (6)Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases,
- (7) Ensure environmental sustainability and
- (8) Develop a global partnership for development.

Since 1970s, the organization has been asked to sponsor a wide array of world conferences on population, food, women, human settlements, basic human needs, water, disarmament, racism and racial discrimination, agrarian reform and rural development, science and technology, new and renewable sources of energy, peaceful uses of nuclear energy, prevention of crime and treatment of offenders, drug abuse and illicit trafficking in drugs, protection of children, environment and economic development, internationally organized crime, social development, housing, human rights, global warming, international trafficking of children for prostitution, principles for world order and many others.

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MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Read the text below and say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1. States are still the most important organisations in the world.
- 2. Intergovernmental organizations have an increasingly important role.
- 3. Nongovernmental organizations still do not play an important role in world politics.
- 4. UN membership is larger that any other IGO.
- 5. Preserving peace and quality of life are not as important for UN nowadays as they used to be.
- 6. UN conferences are an important tool in preventing conflicts and dealing with a wide range of world issues.

1. T 2. T 3. F 4. T 5. F 6. T

Discuss the following.

- 1. Are NGOs important both on the local and international level?
- 2. What is the role of NGOs in Montenegro?
- 3. Do you think that the UN is as influential as the authors of the text claim?
- 4. There are eight millennium goals that the UN has defined. Do you think they are well formulated or would you add any other?
- 5. In the last paragraph a lot of problems that the world is facing nowadays are listed. What are the most serious ones on the global level?
- 6. Which of the listed problems most affect Montenegro?

NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE
		DOMINANT
CHALLENGE		
	INFLUENCE	
	ACCEPT	
	ADMIT	
	IMPROVE	
	MAINTAIN	
	DEVELOP	
	INTERACT	
		GROWING
	PROMOTE	
	RATIFY	
PREVENTION		
DISCRIMINATION		
PROTECTION		
GOVERNMENT		

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DOMINANT	DOMINATE	DOMINANT
CHALLENGE	CHALLENGE	CHALLENGING
INFLUENCE	INFLUENCE	INFLUENTIAL
ACCEPTANCE	ACCEPT	ACCEPTABLE
ADMITTANCE, ADMISSION	ADMIT	ADMITTED
IMPROVEMENT	IMPROVE	IMPROVED
MAINTENANCE	MAINTAIN	MAINTAINED
DEVELOPMENT	DEVELOP	DEVELOPED
INTERACTION	INTERACT	INTERACTIVE
GROWTH	GROW	GROWING
PROMOTION	PROMOTE	PROMOTED
RATIFICATION	RATIFY	RATIFIED
PREVENTION	PREVENT	PREVENTABLE
DISCRIMINATION	DISCRIMINATE	DISCRIMINATORY
PROTECTION	PROTECT	PROTECTIVE
GOVERNMENT	GOVERN	GOVERNMENTAL

Make adverbs from the following adjectives and check whether there is a change in meaning.

large _____

significant _____

severe ____

increasing _____

near _____

Add a suffix to form an adjective.

agriculture	
peace	
house	
universe	
race	
renew	
economy	

Fill the sentences below with an appropriate form of the word in brackets.

- 1. The organization is committed to AIDS ______ and education. (prevent) 2. This part of the country is mainly ______. (agriculture) 3. John was _____ in persuading the producers to put money into the film. (influence) 4. Many countries have now ______ the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. (ratification) 5. _____, there is a pressure on the council to make a decision as soon as possible. (increase)
- 1. PREVENTION 2. AGRICULTURAL 3. INFLUENTIAL 4. RATIFIED 5. INCREASINGLY

6. The minister has a	nnounced that there will be no change	in
	policy (govern).	
7. I've	_ finished that book you lent me. (near)	
8. Music companies h	ave profited from the	of
CDs over vinyl record	ds. (dominant)	
9. Round-the-clock լ	police is given to a	111
senior politicians. (pr	otect)	
10	cooperation is a very important issue	in
the Balkans. (region)		

6. GOVERNMENTAL 7. NEARLY 8. DOMINANCE 9. PROTECTION 10. REGIONAL

That's all Folks!

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