A BUSY DAY

THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE – PRACTICE



**1) Find, write and study the meaning of the words and phrases in bold in the text. (Please include the word 'debug' in your list).**

**2) ▶Listen and complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box.**

> **test – write – debug - work (x3) – not design**

Today is a busy day at CodeCraft Solutions, a **software development company** in California, USA. At the moment, all the programmer analysts …………………………[1] very hard. Maria and Ben …………………………[2] on the development of a new application. Jake and Pedro …………………………[3] code to **improve** the system's security, **while** Sandra is …………………………[4] the anti-virus program to eliminate errors. **Meanwhile**, Sonia, Luca and Liam …………………………[5] the application in different **environments** to **ensure** it is compatible with **various** platforms. The team…………………………[6] new **features** right now because they want to **make sure** everything …………………………[7] correctly first.

**3. ▶ Read and listen again and say true or false. Correct the false**

a. CodeCraft Solutions is not in the USA. ………

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b. Today all the analyst programmers are busy at work. ………

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c. María and Ben are developing a new application. ………

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d. Jake and Pedro are working on the system's security. ………

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e. Sandra is writing code to improve the antivirus program. ………

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f. The team is designing new features at the moment. ………

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**4. Read again and complete the table with the present continuous verbs that you find. REMAMBER! Present continuous tense: is / am / are + V ing.**

| THIRD PERSON SINGULAR | THIRD PERSON PLURAL |
|---|---|
| • | • are working<br>• are writing |

**5. Now, read the conversation and ask yes-no and WH questions about Marta and Carlos.**



**Marta:** Hi, Carlos. What are you doing right now?

**Carlos:** Hi, Marta. I'm checking the new code for the application. Are you working on the project too?

**Marta:** No, I'm not working on the code. I'm writing a report for our team meeting tomorrow.

**Carlos:** Oh, I see. Is Juan helping you with the report?

**Marta:** No, he isn't. He's testing the application in different browsers.

**Carlos:** That's great! We are all making progress.

**REMEMBER: cuando estamos hablando sobre lo que está sucediendo en el momento, es muy común preguntar lo que alguien está haciendo:**

- **What are you doing? = ¿Qué estás haciendo? → I'm studying English at the moment.**
- **What is he doing? = ¿Qué está haciendo?→He's downloading a new app.**
- **What are they doing? = ¿Qué están haciendo? →They are setting up a network.**

**También podemos formular preguntas más específicas como:**

- **What is he checking?**
- **What are you writing?**

**Recordemos que además podemos preguntar con las demás WH words, (who, when, where, why, etc. cuando el contexto lo permite)**

**Who is checking the new code for the application?**

**6. Look at the picture below. Number or name the people and make 5 (five) sentences about things they are NOT doing.**

Carla: Carla isn't sending a WhatsApp message to her friend

**7. Now look at the picture below and make 5 (five) sentences about what they are doing.**

# present continuous with future meaning

1. Say if the **Present Continuous** expresses **a)** an activity happening now or **b)** a planned future arrangement.

   a. It's eight o'clock, Meg. Are you getting ready for school?        a)

   b. What time are Paul and Paula coming for dinner tonight?        _____

   c. Why are you laughing?        _____

   d. Where's Jim? He's taking the dog out for a walk.        _____

   e. What are you doing after school?        _____

   f. Are you enjoying the lesson?        _____

   g. She is working late next Friday?        _____

2. Use these words to write sentences. Use the **present continuous**.

    a. I – not – go out – tonight. <span style="color:red">I'm not going out tonight.</span>

    b. I – meet – my friends – this evening. _____

    c. Tom – not – come – to the party on Thursday. _____

    d. My sister – get married – next December. _____

    e. I – not – go to London – tomorrow. _____

    f. I – stay at home – tonight. _____

    g. I – go to the theatre – on Monday. _____

    h. George – go to the dentist – on Friday. _____

    i. Alice – go on holiday – to Mexico. _____

    j. Bob – play football – on Saturday. _____