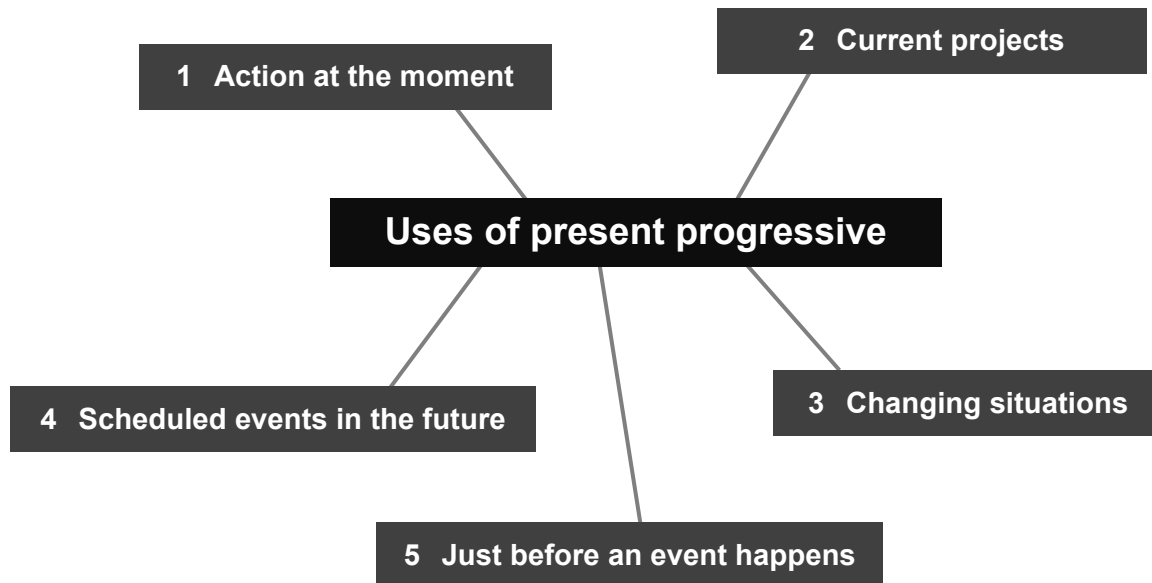


# GRAMMAR SUPPORT

## Present progressive

### FOCUS ON USES



#### 1 Action at the moment

- What's happening? (*right now*)
- Please wait here, Ms Coessens is speaking to a client at the moment.

#### 2 Current projects

- Victoria is developing HRM software for a Belgian company. (*over a period of a few months*)
- Are you still living in Paris? (*for a limited but longer period of time*)

#### 3 Changing situations

- Our profits are increasing steadily. (*over a period of time*)
- I think your English is getting better.

#### 4 Scheduled events in the future

- When are you expecting the delegation from Moscow? (*fixed arrangement*)
- We're launching the new model at the trade fair next month. (*fixed plans*)

#### 5 Just before an event happens

- Are you ready? Yes, I'm coming.
- I'm afraid it's too late. Mr Leclerc is leaving for the airport in a moment.

## Comparison

Simple present	Present progressive
What do you do? ( <i>What's your job?</i> )	What are you doing? ( <i>at this moment</i> )
What languages does she speak? ( <i>a general question about her language skills</i> )	What language is she speaking? ( <i>I can hear her talking now.</i> )
I come from Madrid. ( <i>my home town</i> )	Are you coming to the meeting this afternoon? ( <i>a plan or intention</i> )
I work in Basel. ( <i>I have no plans to move away.</i> )	I'm working in Basel at the moment. ( <i>this may change</i> )

## FOCUS ON FORM

### Statements

Our department	is	working	on a new project	at the moment.
More and more people	are	accessing	our website.	

### Negative statements

Our team leader	is	not	planning	to call a meeting	this week.
Prices	are	not	falling	as quickly as	we expected.

### Questions

What	are	you	doing?	
	Is	the supplier	having	any problems?