

### **Present Progressive for the Present and Future- Simplest Responses Game**

*Without looking below, listen to your teacher and raise one of the two cards that you were given depending on the meaning of what you hear.*

*Label the lines below with “Pr” for present or “F” for future.*

- Are you looking for the Elementary English class?
- Are you coming for drinks (later)?
- Are you sitting down? (I have some bad news).
- Are you still working with Robert?
- Are you waiting for someone?
- (I’m sorry,) he’s in a meeting right now.
- Her train is arriving.
- Her train is arriving at seven a.m.
- What are you doing on Wednesday?
- (I’m sorry but) I’m attending a meeting at that time.
- (I’m afraid) I’m going out with (some of) my friends then.
- I’m currently working in Osaka.
- I can’t speak now. I’m driving.
- I’m driving back this evening.
- I’m entering the building now.
- I’m not feeling very well.
- I’m flying to New York early in the morning, so how about meeting this evening?
- I’m getting married in spring.
- I’m having a great time.
- I’m meeting him this afternoon.
- I’m presently looking for a job.
- I’m seeing my doctor on Thursday.
- I’m standing under the clock, opposite the ticket barriers.
- I’m staying in the Radisson on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- I’m still living in Singapore.
- I’m suffering from a bad back.
- What are you working on at the moment?
- I’m working on a report on customer service.
- My bus is leaving in ten minutes.
- Sorry. You’re sitting on my newspaper.
- We’re having a party the day after tomorrow. Do you fancy coming?
- What’s that dish that you’re eating?
- Is it still raining?
- It’s raining. Do you have an umbrella?
- Costs are currently going down.
- Sales are increasing.
- Growth in profits is accelerating.

*Check as a class, then play the same holding up cards game in groups.*

## Cards to hold up

Present	Future

## Grammar presentation

*Brainstorm and then look above for time expressions used with Present Progressive to talk about the present and future.*

Present time expressions	Future time expressions

*How is Present Progressive different from Present Simple (e.g. "I'm having a great time" and "I have a great time")? What time expressions would be used with Present Simple?*

*What other forms can be used to talk about the future? How are they different from Present Progressive?*

*What future tense or tenses would you use to talk about future weather and future trends/ future line graphs (like the examples near the bottom of the list above)?*

*What future forms (Present Progressive or others) have these meanings?*

- plans (e.g. things your to-do list)
- arrangements (appointments, etc, fixed with another person)
- spontaneous decisions (speaking and deciding at the same time, e.g. to help someone)
- predictions (your imagination about future reality, forecasts, etc)

*What tenses are used to talk about these lines on a line graph?*

- past (e.g. last year)
- from the past to the present (e.g. from the beginning of this year until now)
- right now
- repeated trends/ trends that are always true (e.g. average rainfall per month every year)
- future trends (e.g. in five years)