

# English Notes

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# Chapter 1

## Tenses

### 1.1 Present continuous (I am doing)

1. We use the present continuous when we talk about a change that has started to happen:

Is your English getting better? (not Does your English get better)

The population of the world is increasing very fast. (not increases)

At first I didn't like my job, but I'm starting to enjoy it now. (not I start)

2. We use the continuous for temporary situations (things that continue for a short time):

I'm living with some friends until I find a place of my own.

a: You're working hard today.

b: Yes, I have a lot to do.

3. I'm always doing something = I do it too often or more often than normal.

Paul is never satisfied. He's always complaining. (= he complains too much)

You're always looking at your phone. Don't you have anything else to do?

## 1.2 Present simple (I do)

1. We use the simple for things in general or things that happen repeatedly.

# Chapter 2

## Usage of Words or Phrases

### 2.1 as to

This is a list of positive words. Specifically, 'accurate' is a common such word. **As to** 'accurate', it is usually used in technical writing.

### 2.2 does not mean that it is easy

Mozart music from the classical era and composed in rules **does not mean that it is** easy.

### 2.3 be cast as

verb: cast

assign a part in a play, film, or other production to (an actor).

verb past participle: cast

He **was cast as** the Spanish dancer.

## 2.4 be worth

We hope our attempts to provide you with tools for understanding this field prove to **be worth** time and effort you spend with our book.

# Chapter 3

## Word Comparing

### 3.1 essential, essence

**essential** a thing that is absolutely necessary.

**essence** the intrinsic nature or indispensable quality of something, especially something abstract, that determines its character.