

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.

2.5 suffer difficulties

Now I rejoice, and those **difficulties** that I **suffered** for so many years make more dear my present blessings.

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.