

V~고 있다

The present progressive tense

샐러드를 먹고 있어요.

I am eating salad.

This grammar form is used to talk about actions that are currently in progress. This is also known as the **present progressive tense**. It can be used to talk about situations that are currently happening right at this moment, or events that are generally happening in the present time.

Grammar Form	Present Tense	Past Tense	Future Tense
~고 있다	~고 있어요	~고 있었어요	~고 있을 거예요

ACTION VERBS

~고 있다 can only be attached to action verbs. Simply attach ~고 있다 to the verb stem of the action verb regardless of whether the verb stem ends in a vowel sound or a consonant sound.

읽다	→	읽고 있다	(to be reading)
마시다	→	마시고 있다	(to be drinking)
가다	→	가고 있다	(to be going)
공부하다	→	공부하고 있다	(to be studying)

- > 저는 책을 읽고 있어요. I am reading a book.
- > 저는 커피를 마시고 있어요. I am drinking coffee.
- > 저는 학교에 가고 있어요. I am going to school.
- > 저는 도서관에서 공부하고 있어요. I am studying at the library.

ADDING 지금 OR 요즘

It is common to add either 지금 or 요즘 to sentences using the ~고 있다 grammar form to specify the time frame. "지금" means "now" and "요즘" means nowadays/these days.

지금 공부하고 있어요.	I am studying right now.
요즘 공부하고 있어요.	I am studying these days.