**Lecture: 3**

Present Progressive

**1. Formation**

We form the present progressive with am/is/are + -ing.

**I am writing.**

**You are not writing.**

**Is she writing?**

**2. Use**

The present progressive is used when we want to say that somebody is doing something or that something is happening at the moment. The action or event is in progress and not yet complete. Common phrases of time are at the moment, now, just and still.

**Fiona is washing her hair (at the moment).**

**Now**

The present progressive is used for actions which are not yet complete but can be interrupted for a time. Strictly speaking, such interrupted actions are not in progress at the moment of speaking.

I’m very busy. I’m redecorating my living-room.

-We use the present progressive to express the idea that a repeated action is temporary, i.e. it is happening for a limited period of time.

Patrick is working at a restaurant during his holidays.

-We can use the adverb always with the present progressive to say that something happens again and again, although not at regular intervals. Here always means very often or too often. The structure expresses the speaker’s annoyance or surprise.

**You’re always forgetting your books!**

-We use the present progressive to say that something is definitely planned or arranged for the future. It must be clear from the context or from the use of a phrase of future time (this afternoon, on Sunday, next week, etc.) that we are talking

about the future.

**We’re having a barbecue on Sunday.**