

“How to teach the Spanish Present Progressive to L1 English Students to avoid Negative Crosslinguistic Influence?”

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Distinguishing between the different tenses in Spanish can be difficult for native English speakers, especially when the underlying meanings are different. The English present progressive can refer to an event that is happening right now or in the future (*I am working now* v. *I am working next Tuesday*). However, the Spanish present progressive requires the features (+simultaneous and +present) and cannot depict a future event (*Estoy trabajando* v. **Estoy trabajando el próximo martes*). In the present study, I will be discussing the results of how explicit instruction of the Spanish present progressive has affected the acquisition of the present progressive tense instruction as well as discuss the limitations and recommendations for future studies.

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