

Continuous aspect grammar presentation

Cutting Edge Advanced Module 1

Find a statement below that you agree with or disagree with, see if your partner has the same opinion, discuss for longer if you like, then take turns doing the same with different statements below.

Everywhere you go nowadays people seem to be speaking English

I am worried that so many languages in the world are disappearing

Every city centre in the world seems the same these days

Old buildings are being pulled down in my city and replaced by ugly new ones

I'm sure another shopping mall is coming somewhere near here soon

My city is changing faster than it ever has before

When I was growing up there were no fast food chains in my town

Advertisers are always trying to sell us something new that we don't need

In thirty years' time I don't suppose anyone in my country will be wearing traditional dress anymore

Recently the government has been taking measures to preserve the more traditional parts of town, but it isn't enough

Share one opinion you agreed on and see what the class thinks.

Ask about any statements above you are not sure about, discussing your opinions as a class each time.

Why is a continuous verb form or simple verb form used in each of the sentences above?

Which can you change to the other form (e.g. Present Simple to Present Continuous)? For those that you can change that way, how does it change the meaning?