

Basic Classroom Present Activities

The PRESENT form of the verb refers to NOW in time. Activities in the PRESENT are happening NOW at the time of speech. Language learners MUST memorize the 1st PERSON SINGULAR and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR forms of the verb. If you know the memorize the 1st PERSON SINGULAR and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR forms, you can DEDUCE the other forms of the verb. There are FOUR 1st ~ 3rd patterns and several sub-patterns for one SET of PERSON forms and there are THREE 1st ~ 3rd patterns and several other sub-patterns for the other SET of PERSON forms.

The tsi-/g- SET PATTERNS (FOUR patterns)

1. 1st PERSON SINGULAR form is tsi- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is a-
2. 1st PERSON SINGULAR form is tsi- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is ga-
3. 1st PERSON SINGULAR form is g- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is a-
4. 1st PERSON SINGULAR form is g- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is g-

The agi-/u- SET PATTERNS (FOUR patterns)

1. 1st PERSON SINGULAR form is agi- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is u-
2. 1st PERSON SINGULAR form is agw- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is u-
3. 1st PERSON SINGULAR form is agw- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is uw-

I am painting.

Tsisuwisga.

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She is painting.

Asuhwisga.

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1st PERSON SINGULAR form is tsi- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is a-

Deduce -suhwisga painting PRESENT and 3) anisuhwisga they are painting, 4) hisuhwisga you are painting, 5) osdihwisga he and I are painting, 6) inisuhwisga you and I are painting, 7) sdihwisga she and you are painting, 8) otsuhwisga they and I are painting, 9) idisuhwisga you all and I are painting, and 10) itsuhwisga you all are painting.

I am writing.

Gowelia.

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He is writing.

Gohweli'a.

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1st PERSON SINGULAR form is g- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is g-

Deduce -ohwelia writing PRESENT and 3) anohwelia they are writing, 4) hohwelia you are writing, 5) osdohwelia she and I are writing, 6) inohwelia you and I are writing, 7) sdohwelia he and you are writing, 8) otsohwelia they and I are writing, 9) idohwelia you all and I are writing, and 10) itsohwelia you all are writing.

I am eating a meal.

Galsdayvhvsga.

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He is eating a meal.

Alsdavvhvsga.

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1st PERSON SINGULAR form is g- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is a-

Deduce -alsdayvhvsga eating meal, dining PRESENT and 3) alsdayvhvsga they are eating a meal, 4) halsdayvhvsga you are eating a meal, 5) osdalsdayvhvsga he and I are eating a meal, 6) inalsdayvhvsga you and I are eating a meal, 7) sdalsdayvhvsga she and you eating a meal, 8) otsalsdayvhvsga they and I are eating a meal, 9) idalsdayvhvsga you all and I are eating a meal, and 10) itsalsdayvhvsga you all are eating a meal.

I am eating an apple.	Svgta tsigia.	RŠW hrYD.
She is eating an apple.	Svgta agi'a.	RŠW DYD.
I am eating a carrot.	Dalonige unasdetsi tsisdigi'a.	LGhF ʔθəʔŠ hr hrəJYD.
He is eating a carrot.	Dalonige unasdetsi asdigi'a.	LGhF ʔθəʔŠ hr DəJYD.
I am eating paper.	Gohweli tsihyegia	AʔP hrBYD.
She is eating paper.	Gohweli gahyegi'a.	AʔP ŠBYD.
I am speaking	Tsiwoniha.	hrʔhrʔ
She is speaking.	Gawoniha.	Šʔhrʔ.

1st PERSON SINGULAR form is tsi- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is ga-

Deduce -woniha speaking PRESENT and 3) aniwoniha they are speaking, 4) hiwoniha you are speaking, 5) osdiwoniha she and I are speaking, 6) iniwoniha you and I are speaking, 7) sdiwoniha he and you are speaking, 8) otsiwoniha they and I are speaking, 9) idiwoniha you all and I are speaking, and 10) itsiwoniha you all are speaking.

I am drinking.	Gaditasga.	ŠJWəʔŠ.
She is drinking.	Aditasga.	DJWəʔŠ.
I am dancing.	Galsgia.	ŠrəʔYD.
She is dancing.	Alsgi'a.	DrəʔYD.
I am reading.	Tsigoliyea	hrAʔβD.
She is reading.	Agoliye'a.	DAʔβD.
I am walking around.	Gedoha.	FVʔ.
He is walking around.	Edoha.	RVʔ.

1st PERSON SINGULAR form is g- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is e-

Deduce g- ~ g- sub-pattern -edoha walking around PRESENT and 3) anedoha they are walking around, 4) hedoha you are walking around, 5) osdedoha he and I are walking around, 6) inedoha you and I are walking around, 7) sdehoha she and you are walking around, 8) otsedoha they and I are walking around, 9) idedoha you all and I are walking around, and 10) itsedoha you all are walking around.

I am sitting.

Agwohla.

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She is sitting.

Uwohla.

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1st PERSON SINGULAR form is agw- and 3rd PERSON SINGULAR form is uw-.

Note the SET SHIFT. Most PRESENT verbs take the other SET. A few take the agi-/agw- SET. Memorize PRESET verbs that take the agi-/agw- SET: Agiyosiha. Agwaduliha. Agwehisdaneha. etc.

Deduce agw- ~ uw- pattern -ohla sitting PRESENT and 3) dunohla they are sitting, 4) tsohla you are sitting, 5) doginohla she and I are sitting, 6) deginohla you and I are sitting, 7) sdohla/desdohla you two are sitting, 8) dogohla they and I are sitting, 9) degohla you all and I are sitting, and 10) detsohla you all are sitting.