**Urdu Study Guide 23**

**Five College Center for the Study of World Languages**

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**Materials for this Study Guide**

*Beginning Urdu: A Complete Course*

Unit III: Chapter 15: Daily Life: Describing Events in Progress

*Lang Media:* Urdu in Pakistan: [Using a Telephone: Calling a Friend](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/lbc-subtopic/124312)

*Language Learning Strategies and Tools* on LangMedia (<http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/strategies>)

**Assignments for Independent Study**

*Beginning Urdu: A Complete Course (BU)*

*Chapter 15*: The Present Continuous Verb Tense

* Step 1: Read the section The Present Continuous Verb Tense.
* Step 2: When does one use the present continuous tense in Urdu?
* Step 3: Write down how the present continuous tense is formed.
* Step 4: Review the chart highlighting the verb “to go” *jānā*. What is the conjugation of the verb for each person?
* Step 5: What is the marker for the present continuous verb tense?
* Step 6: Read the subsection Additional Points.
* Step 7: How the present continuous is used to describe future actions? Write down the equivalent in Urdu for the sentence “I’m not doing anything. I’m going home.”
* Step 9: Study the words in Vocabulary 1 and make flashcards for them.
* Step 10: Complete Exercise 1 on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to practice reading the passage out loud before translating it.
* Step 11: Complete Exercise 2 on a separate sheet of paper.
* Step 12: Complete Exercise 3 on a separate sheet of paper.
* Step 13: Complete Exercise 5 on a separate sheet of paper.

*Lang Media:* Urdu in Pakistan: Using a Telephone: Calling a friend

* Step 1: Go to <http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/lbc-subtopic/124312>
* Step 2: Watch the video “Calling a Friend.”
* Step 3: Afterwards, read the Urdu transcription. Practice reading it out loud yourself.
* Step 4: Write a similar dialogue between two friends on the phone. Be sure to talk about what you are doing today, tonight, and ask your friend the same kinds of questions.

**Conversation Session Preparation**

* Be prepared to be shown images that correspond to words in Vocabulary 1 in The Present Continuous Verb Tense. You will be asked to say the word or verb associated with each image.
* Be prepared to role-play a phone call between two friends. You are currently abroad in Pakistan and your friend is in the United States. During your phone call, describe what your host family or friends are doing.
* Be prepared to play a game of charades with your conversation partner. You will take turns acting out different verb actions and guessing the appropriate word.
* Be prepared to role-play a dialogue similar to the phone conversation from the video you watched on *Lang Media.*

**Homework for Tutorial**

* Written task for Exercise 1 in The Present Continuous Verb Tense.
* Written task for Exercise 2 in The Present Continuous Verb Tense.
* Written task for Exercise 3 in The Present Continuous Verb Tense.
* Written task for Exercise 5 in The Present Continuous Verb Tense.
* Write down a dialogue between two friends talking on phone. Talk about some activities in present continuous tense.