

GRAMMARNOTES

1 What's Going On This Morning?

This chant introduces the present continuous in statements and information questions using the question words *What* and *How*. Students should note the singular/plural forms *The water is/The plants are*, which are generally contracted in spoken English. This chant also illustrates the use of the definite article *the*.

2 When Are You Leaving?

This chant introduces the use of the present continuous to talk about future activities. This pattern is very often used with verbs showing movement (*go/come/leave/move/start/finish*). Students should note the question words *When/How/Where*, which are usually contracted with *is/are* in spoken English.

track 16

1 What's Going On This Morning?

The earth is turning,
The toast is burning,
The water is boiling,
The tea kettle's whistling,
The faucet is leaking,
The floor is creaking,
The plants are dying,
The kids are crying.

What's burning?

The toast is burning.

What's boiling?

The water is boiling.

How are the plants?

The plants are dying.

How are the kids?

The kids are crying.

2 When Are You Leaving?

When are you leaving?

I'm leaving in July.

How are you going?

I'm planning to fly.

Where is Bob going?

He's going to Spain.

How is he going?

He's taking a plane.

Are you leaving next summer?

I'm leaving next fall.

Are you going with Bobby?

I'm going with Paul.