English grammar is not an easy thing to learn and, moreover, to use in everyday life. Young learners hardly understand its specific characteristics. The teacher’s aim is to explain them all peculiarities as well as make them speak using grammar rules.

As for me, I try teaching my students grammar through lexics because “bare” grammar makes no use. Only then you can express your thoughts when having enough vocabulary on mind. That is why I prepare a lot of so-called grammar-lexical tasks to practice a grammar rule.

Here I would like to present an example of practicing two tenses: Present Continous and Present Simple in their different meanings. Students must decide on the meaning and put the right form of the verb. Each sentence presents a situation which helps students “see” the meaning. After this exercise I ask them to make their own sentences on every meaning suggested. This part of practicing grammar makes their brains work hard and mobilize as well as enrich their vocabulary.

This material can be used when using any textbook as such grammar rule is absolutely typical for modern teaching.