

using present continuous

**Study the examples in groups and say
when the Present Continuous is used**

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Reading:

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Nasreddin Hodja

Darkness

One day the Hodja lost his ring. He searched and searched, but he couldn't find it. Then he got out the house and began to search the ring on the road.

People passing by asked him:

“Hodja Effendi, what **are** you **doing**?”

“I've lost my ring at home, and now **I'm** **searching** it.”

“Why **are** you **searching** it outside?”

“The house is too dark. I can't see anything, so **I'm** **searching** my ring outside!”



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1

We use the **present continuous tense** when we are in the middle of action.

I am dancing now.



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It **is walking** now.

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He **is running**.



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I am doing my homework
now.



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We use the **present continuous tense** to talk about temporary actions and situations that are going on around now.

I am leaning English now? (not exactly at the moment)



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3

We use the **present continuous tense** to talk about planned actions.

I am leaving for NY tomorrow.

I am meeting a friend on Friday



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4

We use the **present continuous tense + always** to talk about annoying habits.

He **is always coming** late!

She **is always crying**!

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Non-progressive verbs:

We cannot use these verbs in present continuous tense.

love, like, hate, believe, know, remember, hear,
understand...

~~I am liking this music.~~

~~I am knowing the answer.~~

~~I am loving you.~~

I like this music.

I know the answer.

I love you.

The Present Continuous Tense

How do we form the Present Continuous?

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- The Present Continuous is:
Pronouns or nouns + **am / is / are** + **doing / going** etc.



I am speaking now.

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Adding '-ing'

add -ing

- We add **-ing** most verbs.
read → reading
- Verbs ending in **-e**, we drop **-e** and add **-ing**.
make → making
- Verbs ending in **-y**, we keep **-y** and add **-ing**.
try → trying
- Verbs ending in a short vowel and a consonant, we double the consonant and add **-ing**.
run → running

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Forms

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Positive

I **am** working.
You **are** working.
He **is** working.
She **is** working.
It **is** working.
We **are** working.
They **are** working.



Question

Am I working?
Are you working?
Is he working?
Is she working?
Is it working?
Are we working?
Are they working?



Negative

I **am not** working.
You **are not** working.
He **is not** working.
She **is not** working.
It **is not** working.
We **are not** working.
They **are not** working.

are not = aren't / is not = isn't

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Short answers:



Are you jumping?

Yes, I am. **or** No, I am not.



Is he playing football?

Yes, He is. **or** No, He is not. (He isn't)



Are you driving a car?

Yes, You are. **or** No, He you are not. (you aren't.)

• Which statements are true about the **Present Continuous**?

- 1 Is used to talk about **regular, repeated actions**
- 2 Is used to describe **an action in progress**
- 3 Is used to talk about **annoying habits (+ always)**
- 4 Is used to talk about **planned actions**
- 5 Is used to talk **an action that has just started**
- 6 The signal words are: **now, at the moment, currently**

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Exercises:

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Which one is wrong?

- a) Are you waiting for a bus?
- b) Why are you not listen to me?
- c) Are you waiting for a bus?
- d) Is she sitting on the table?

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Exercises:

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the

1. Look! It ~~is~~ ^{verbs} **showing** . **snow**
2. John is **working** now. **work**
3. Diana **has** meetings **have**
4. They ~~regularly~~ **aren't** on phone now. **not talk**
5. He ~~works~~ **is talking** overtime every weekend. **work**
6. They **are discussing** a proposal now. **discuss**
7. What are you **doing** ? **do**
8. You are **not telling** the truth. **not tell**
9. I **know** the answer of this **know**
10. I ~~question~~ **like** English. **like**

exercises