the PRESENT CONTINUOUS

USE: We use the Present Continuous to express: something happening now / something temporary / something changing / fixed plans for the immediate future

FORM: The Present Continuous is like an airplane that needs two wings to fly



- "to be" as an auxiliary verb
- the main verb with -ing

"TO BE" IN THE PRESENT:

I am	I'm
you are	you're
he is	he's
she is	she's
it is	it's
we are	we're
you are	you're
they are	they're

SPELLING RULES:

* most verbs: + -ing
* verbs ending in -e: ~~e~~ + -ing
* verbs ending in -ie: ~~ie~~ + y + -ing
* verbs ending in single, stressed vowel and single consonant (except for "x"): consonant x2 + -ing
* verbs ending in single vowel + l: lx2 + -ing (in British English only)

LET'S PRACTISE!

Johnny _____ working.
You _____ working.
Fiona and Billy _____ working.
Julie and I _____ working.
My parents _____ working.
I _____ working.
The bank manager _____ working.
You and Kelly _____ working.
Tony and his friends _____ working.
The teachers _____ working.
The guide dog _____ working.
My cousins _____ working.
The man with the blue jacket _____ working.
All the people in this office _____ working.

The students are do_____ their homework.
My father is cook_____ chicken.
The cat is chase_____ the mouse.
We are eat_____ some ice cream.
Ted and Ann are watch_____ a comedy.
I am swim_____ in the pool.
Sam's friends are play_____ football.
Liz and I are make_____ a cake.
Alex is tie_____ his shoelaces.
Susan and Al are get_____ pizza.
We are travel_____ to Paris tomorrow.
You are begin_____ English lessons.
The kids are cancel_____ their plans.
The bus is stop_____ here for 5'.

Good! Now let's see how to make questions and negative sentences.

For questions, am/is/are goes in the beginning of the sentence. Then we say WHO is doing what the verb says, then the verb + ing. And we don't forget the "?" at the end!

I am working. → Am I working?
The girl next to me is listening to music. → Is the girl next to me listening to music?
Jenny and Tim are sleeping. → Are Jenny and Tim sleeping?

For negative sentences, we add "not" after am/is/are. We can also have short forms: I'm not, you aren't, he isn't, she isn't, it isn't, we aren't, you aren't, they aren't.

I am working. → I am not working. / I'm not working.
She is listening to music. → She is not listening to music / She isn't listening to music.
They are sleeping. → They are not sleeping. / They aren't sleeping.

Short answers: We can give short answers by writing Yes, + I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they + am/is/are or No, + I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they + am not/are not/is not/are not (OR their short forms).

Are you working? Yes, I am.
Are you working? No, I am not. OR. No, I'm not.

Is she listening to music? Yes, she is.
Is she listening to music? No, she is not. OR. No, she isn't.

Are they sleeping? Yes, they are.
Are they sleeping? No, they are not. OR. No, they aren't.

Alright so far? Great! Let's practise everything!

A. Drag and drop the words in the correct order to make sentences

1. isn't . going Mr. Jones to London
2. are we . to school going
3. Aunt Polly ? dinner cooking is
4. making are your sisters ? a cake
5. Geography studying I am . not
6. ? the teacher is a book reading
7. playing my cat with a toy is .
8. Jo and I the ducks . aren't feeding
9. watching are . Al and Zoe a DVD
10. not the children fighting . are

B. Rewrite the sentences in the affirmative, interrogative and negative

1. √ Gary is eating spaghetti.
   ? .....
   X .....
2. √ .....
   ? .....
   X We aren't playing volleyball.
3. √ .....
   ? Am I hiding in the garden?
   X .....

C. Put the verbs in the correct form of the Present Continuous

1. The students ..... (not write) a test.
2. Nora ..... (do) yoga.
3. Tommy and Gina ..... (sing).
4. Jackie and I ..... (read) magazines.
5. ..... (you/make) a sandwich?
6. She ..... (not hit) her brother.
7. The flower .....(die). It needs water.
8. Annie ..... (put) her books in her bag.
9. ..... (rain) outside?
10. Pete and Kay ..... (not lie). They..... (tell) the truth.
12. I ..... (not fight) with Harry.

D. Correct the mistakes. Click on the wrong word(s), then write the right one(s) in the box

1. Andrew and Sean are boxxing. ☐
2. Carol is writeing a book. ☐
3. Derek is sailing to China? ☐
4. They is dancing. ☐
5. I am not geting the bus to school. ☐
6. Betty is lieing about the test. ☐
7. Sally isnot walking home. ☐
8. The dogs are runing in the garden. ☐
9. Morgan are listening to the teacher. ☐
10. The cat is sleepping. ☐