

Lesson 1. Grammar 2 “Present Simple and Continuous”

Present Continuous. Form

EXERCISE 3A

Use the words below to complete the form. Check with the answer keys.

Is being · Am working · Am being · Is working (x3) · Are carrying · Is carrying

PRESENT CONTINUOUS			
To be		Other verbs	
I	Am being	_____	Am carrying
You	_____	Are working	_____
He	Is being	_____	Is carrying
She	_____	_____	_____
It	Is being	_____	Is carrying
We	Are being	Are working	Are carrying
They	Are being	Are working	Are carrying

- To form Present Continuous, we add **“to be”** in the Present Simple form before the verb and the ending **-ing** to the verb itself.
- There are certain spelling rules to keep in mind.

Most verbs	+ing	detect – detecting
Verbs ending in e	Drop the e, + ing	locate – locating
Verbs ending in a single vowel + a single consonant	Double the consonant, + ing	debug – debugging
Verbs ending in ie	Replace ie with y	die – dying

EXERCISE 3B

Complete the table of questions and negations with the word below.

Aren't being • Are • Playing • Is she playing

Affirmative	Questions	Negations
I am reading an article	Are you reading an article?	I'm not reading an article
She is playing golf right now	___ golf right now?	She isn't ___ golf right now
They are being serious	___ they being serious?	They ___ serious

- Present Continuous can be used with time markers such as: **right now, at the moment, at this time, currently etc.**
- Some verbs that describe states are not used in Present Continuous. They have to be used in Present Simple instead. For example: **agree, believe, doubt, know, mean, understand, think, dislike, hate, like, love, prefer, want, wish, hear, look, see, seem, smell, taste, belong, own, have (only in the meaning of "own").**

EXERCISE 4A

Choose the correct option.

1. Harry (work) from home this week due to some health problems.
a) work
b) works
c) is working
d) are working
2. What (the clients/want)?
a) What does the clients want?
b) What are the clients wanting?
c) What are the clients want?
d) What do the clients want?
3. We usually (discuss) these issues over Skype every Thursday morning.
a) discuss
b) discusses
c) is discussing
d) are discussing
4. Chris and Steve (play) Red Dead Redemption at the moment.
a) play
b) plays
c) is playing
d) are playing
5. Christine (drink) only organic green tea with no sugar.
a) drink
b) drinks
c) is drinking
d) are drinking
6. For some reason, her colleagues (not like) her.
a) don't like
b) doesn't like
c) are not liking
d) is not liking

4. Dwight (learn) another programming language in order to find a new job.

- a) learn
- b) learns
- c) is learning
- d) are learning

5. Jared Chokesoncash is very rich. He (own) a mining farm.

- a) own
- b) owns
- c) is owning
- d) are owning

9. (Charlie still fix) these bugs?

- a) Do Charlie still fix these bugs?
- b) Does Charlie still fix these bugs?
- c) Is Charlie still fixing these bugs?
- d) Are Charlie still fixing these bugs?



EXERCISE 4B

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb.

1. We _____ (learning) how to code in Python.
2. _____ she _____ (look) for a new job?
3. Peter _____ (work) on an exciting new project.
4. He _____ (not build) his app from scratch.
5. I _____ (try) to memorize these words.
6. _____ they _____ (talk) to the client right now?
7. They _____ (not plan) to host this event.
8. My friend is over there. He _____ (have) lunch right now.
9. I _____ (have) a house in Los Angeles.
10. My mother _____ (sell) her apartment.



EXERCISE 5

Describe your typical working day + make three more sentences saying what is different this week/month.

Example: Usually I don't pay much attention to the weather, but today the sun is shining so bright that I want to turn off my computer and go outside.



EXERCISE 4C

Correct these sentences:

Example: Janet is hating (hates) crowds.

1. I listen to you. Please continue.
2. I am seeing my friends every Friday.
3. Are you knowing Emily?
4. Jack talks to his team lead right now so I can't ask him.
5. I'm not needing any assistance at the moment, but thank you.
6. Smells delicious. What do you cook?
7. They don't try to find a new job at the moment.