

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

HOW TO USE IT?

One of its uses is to describe events that are happening in the moment.

Example: You are reading this text on a computer right now

VERB TO BE



The present continuous uses the "VERB TO BE" as its auxiliary verb after the subject.

Verbs to be: am, is, are

Each verb to be corresponds to a type of subject:

For singular subjects (he, she, it) we use "IS"

For plural subjects (you, we, they) we use "ARE"

For the subject "I" we only use "AM"

-ING

-ing is a suffix used in present participle and in gerund. Is the equivalent of -ando and -endo in Spanish.

Ex: play - playing
jugar - jugando



As a suffix, we put -ing at the end of a verb. But there are exceptions.

1. If the verb ends with an "e" we remove the "e"
 - o make - making
 - o take - taking
2. If the verb ends with "ie" we remove the "ie" and add a "y"
 - o lie - lying
 - o tie - tying
3. If the verb has only **ONE SYLLABLE** ends with a consonant + vowel + consonant, we double the final consonant
 - o plan - planning
 - o sit - sitting
 - o swim - swimming
4. However we **do not** double the final consonant when the verb ends in W, X or Y
 - o snow - snowing
 - o fix - fixing
 - o fly - flying

