

Lesson 5 Present Continuous

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2. Grammar Introduction

A. Present Continuous

Affirmative	Negative	Yes/No Question
I am You/We/They are walking. He/She/It is	I am not You/We/They aren't walking. He/She/It isn't	Am I Are you/we/they walking? Is he/she/it

- The present continuous tense: **Be + verb-ing**
- The present continuous tense is used for actions happening right now.
- Answers to yes/no questions:

Yes, I am.	Yes, you/we/they are.	Yes, he/she/it is.
No, I'm not.	No, you/we/they aren't.	No, he/she/it isn't.

Write the verb in the present continuous tense.

- study** Sam and Mary at the library.
- snow** it in Beijing right now?
- try** Be quiet. I to sleep!

B. Spelling Rules of Verb-ing

say → saying	walk → walking	• Add ing to most verbs.
come → coming	live → living	• If a verb ends in a vowel + consonant + e, remove e and add ing .
make → making	smile → smiling	
swim → swimming	get → getting	• If a verb ends in a vowel + consonant, double the consonant and add ing .
hit → hitting	run → running	

Write the ~ing form of the verb.

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|---------|---|----------|----------|---|-------|
| 1 enjoy | → | enjoying | 4 arrive | → | |
| 2 drive | → | | 5 mop | → | |
| 3 work | → | | 6 visit | → | |



C. Present Simple vs. Present Continuous

Present Simple	Present Continuous
I ride my bike to school every day . Kathy watches cartoons on Saturdays . My dad goes to work in the morning .	I'm taking the bus to school now . Kathy is watching a movie at the moment . My dad is going to the park this morning .
- The present simple tense talks about habitual activities or facts. - Time expressions used with the present simple tense: - every day, every week, on Sundays - in the morning, in the afternoon, at night - once a week, twice a week	- The present continuous tense talks about actions that are happening now. - Time expressions used with the present continuous tense: - now, at the moment, today

Write the correct form of the verb.

- 1 The teacher is talking to a student now.
- 2 We usually go for a walk in the park on Sundays.
- 3 Mike swims twice a week at YMCA.
- 4 The students are waiting for the school bus at the moment.
- 5 Mr. Martin always watches news on TV every evening.

D. Non-Action Verbs

(O) I like apples. (O) Amy wants a book. (O) John knows Amy.	(X) I'm liking apples. (X) Amy is wanting a book. (X) John is knowing Amy.	• Non-action verbs are used in present simple , but NOT in present continuous.
• Common non-action verbs: like/dislike/love/hate see need/want believe/understand have (meaning own) think (meaning believe)		

Write the correct form of the verb.

- 1 They are very hungry now. They want some food.
- 2 Right now, we are looking at the sky. We are counting the stars.
- 3 I believe your story now.
- 4 I think this is a great book.

3. Grammar Practice

A Complete the dialogue using the correct form of the verb.

1 A: What are you doing?

B: I **study** How about you?

A: I **make** a ham and cheese sandwich.

B: Oh, that sounds good. I **love** ham and cheese sandwiches.

A: you **want** to come over?

I can make one for you too.

B: Thanks. I **come** now.

2 A: How is Sarah, your older sister?

B: She's fine. She **live** in New York now.

A: Really?

B: Yes, and she **study** music at the Juilliard School of Music.

A: That's great. Is she **have** a good time?

B: Yes,

3 A: What are you doing this afternoon?

B: I **help** Amy.

A: Why? What she **do** this afternoon?

B: She **want** to learn how to swim.

A: you **teach** her how to swim?

B: Yes, I am. you **want** to come too?

A: Oh, it **sound** fun, but I **watch** a movie with Sam.



B Complete the dialogue.

- see A: you that girl over there?
- talk B: Which girl you about?
- have / wear A: She long hair, and she a green shirt.
- know B: Oh, I her. She's in my math class.

C Write the verb in the present continuous tense.



Mr. Phileas Fogg thinks that he can travel around the world in 80 days. He makes a bet. Mr. Fogg is racing around the world.
 ① race
 His servant, Passepartout, with him. They meet
 ② travel
 Mr. Fix on the way. Mr. Fix is an English policeman. He
 ③ chase
 a bank robber. He thinks that Mr. Fogg is the bank robber. Mr. Fix
 Mr. Fogg all the way around the world. Mr. Fogg
 ④ follow
 and Passepartout many problems, but they
 ⑤ have
 to keep to their schedule. Will they make it?
 ⑥ try



4. Grammar Summary

Present Simple vs. Present Continuous

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I ride my bike to school every day .	I'm riding my bike to school now .
Kathy watches cartoons on Saturdays .	Kathy is watching a cartoon at the moment .
My dad goes to work in the morning .	My dad is going to work right now .

• Common non-action verbs: (O) I like apples. (X) I am liking apples.

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