

Present Continuous

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Listen and repeat. Then act out.



Affirmative		Negative	
Long form	Short form	Long form	Short form
I am talking	I'm talking	I am not talking	I'm not talking
You are talking	You're talking	You are not talking	You aren't talking
He is talking	He's talking	He is not talking	He isn't talking
She is talking	She's talking	She is not talking	She isn't talking
It is talking	It's talking	It is not talking	It isn't talking
We are talking	We're talking	We are not talking	We aren't talking
You are talking	You're talking	You are not talking	You aren't talking
They are talking	They're talking	They are not talking	They aren't talking

We use the **present continuous** for temporary actions or for actions happening at the time of speaking.

Time expressions used with the present continuous:

now

at the moment

at present

Spelling

When verbs end in one stressed vowel between two consonants, we double the consonant and add **-ing**.

swim – **swimming**

walk – **walking**

sit – **sitting**

BUT wait – **waiting**

Look at the spelling of these verbs: →

lie – **lying**, etc.

write – **writing**, etc.

Questions and short answers

Questions	Short answers
Am I listening?	Yes, I am . / No, I 'm not .
Are we/you/they listening?	Yes, we/you/they are . / No, we/you/they aren't .
Is he/she/it listening?	Yes, he/she/it is . / No, he/she/it isn't .

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Add -ing to the verbs and put them in the correct column. Listen and repeat.

drink	make	sit	begin	fly	cut	bake	take	drop
lie	hit	shave	play	die	sleep	meet	type	water

+ ing	-ie → y + ing	-o → ing	double consonant + ing
drinking,	lying,	making,	hitting,
.....			
.....			

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Complete the sentences.

Long Form

- He ... *is* ... feeding the dog.
- They reading.
- It flying.
- We not cleaning the floor.
- I not crying.

Short Form

- He *'s* feeding the dog.
- They reading.
- It flying.
- We cleaning the floor.
- I crying.

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Write the questions and answers.



- 1 (laugh?)
Is she laughing?
No, she isn't.
She's crying.



- 4 (ski?)



- 2 (eat?)
Is the dog eating?
Yes, it is.
It's eating.



- 5 (dance?)



- 3 (cook?)



- 6 (fly?)

4 Look at the picture and correct the sentences.



- 1 The man on the rock is eating a sandwich. *The man on the rock isn't eating a sandwich. He's fishing.*
- 2 The two boys on the beach are reading.
- 3 The woman under the umbrella is playing with the sand.
- 4 The baby is reading a newspaper.
- 5 The man under the umbrella is drinking some juice.
- 6 The two girls are fishing.

5 Look at the picture and the list of verbs. Then complete the text using the present continuous.

cook play look snow stay drink sit listen sleep sing

Dear Diary,
 It's Sunday, my favourite day of the week. I 1) *am sitting* in the living room and I 2) at my big happy family. Mum 3) tea. My dad 4) dinner. The boys 5) with the karaoke machine. Grandmother 6) to the boys singing but grandfather 7) The girls 8) a board game. It is very cold. It 9) outside, so we 10) at home tonight. It's OK, though, because we have lots of fun together. I love my big noisy family so much!

