

PRESENT CONTINUOUS (IS/AM/ ARE + ING)

→ First, read the grammar bank. Then do the activities below:

5B present continuous

They're having a party next door.
Oh no! The baby's crying.
It's raining.
A: What are you doing?
B: I'm waiting for my brother.

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| + | | |
| I'm You're He / She / It's We're They're | I'm not You aren't He / She / It isn't We aren't They aren't | having a party. |

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| ? | | X | |
| Am I Are you Is he / she / it Are we Are they | having a party? | Yes, I am. Yes, you are. Yes, he / she / it is. Yes, we are. Yes, they are. | I'm not. you aren't. he / she / it isn't. we aren't. they aren't. |

• We use the present continuous for things that are happening now / at the moment.
• At the moment can mean *around now*.
I'm reading a good book at the moment.
(= not exactly now)
• We also use the present continuous with longer periods of time, e.g. today, this week, this month. The present continuous emphasizes that the action is **temporary**, not a habit.
I'm working at home **this week** because my daughter isn't very well.

| infinitive | verb + -ing | spelling |
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| cook, read study, try | cooking, reading studying, trying | + -ing |
| dance, live | dancing, living | -e -ing |
| shop, swim | shopping, swimming | one vowel + one consonant: double consonant + -ing |

b Complete the sentences with the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I'm *looking for* my purse. (look for)
- 2 My brother-in-law a new house. (buy)
- 3 We because we don't like the music. (not dance)
- 4 the waitress with our dinner? (come)
- 5 She can't read the menu. She her glasses. (not wear)
- 6 you the TV or can I turn it off? (watch)
- 7 I this week. I'm on holiday! (not work)
- 8 My niece and nephew in the sea. (swim)



c Look at the picture. What are the people doing?
Complete 1–8 with a verb or verb phrase in the present continuous.

1 The girl's *listening to music*.

2 The children

3 The couple

4 The dog

5 The baby

6 The boy

7 The girl

8 The girl

PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

1- I (plant) a tree now.

2- My sister (watch) TV in the living room.

3- Children (water) the plants.

4- They (write) a letter.

5- We (swim) in the pool.

6- My sisters (ride) their bikes.

7- She (talk) on the phone now.

8- I (not read) a magazine at the moment.