

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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- 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
cook, read	cooking, reading	+ -ing
study, try	studying, trying	
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.

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