

PROGRESS CHECK: PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Affirmative

I'm walking.
You're
He's / She's / It's
We're
You're
They're

Negative

I'm not walking.
You aren't
He / She / It isn't
We aren't
You aren't
They aren't

Interrogative

Am I walking?
Are you
Is he / she / it
Are we
Are you



We use the present simple and present continuous differently. The main uses for each tense are:

Present simple

- We use the present simple to talk about regular actions or events.
I always go to bed at ten o'clock.
- We use the present simple to talk about a general fact or something that is always true.
Doctors earn a lot of money.
Tigers live in India.

Present continuous

- We use the present continuous to describe an action or event happening at this moment.
Sally is wearing a beautiful blue dress.
Oh no! It's raining.
- We use the present continuous to describe an action or event happening around this time.
I'm learning French at evening classes.

3.5 There are some verbs we don't use in the present continuous – or any continuous tense. These include: *believe, hate, know, like, love, mean, need, prefer, understand, want*
I'm not dancing because I don't like (NOT I'm not liking) this music.

Present continuous for future arrangements



We can use the present continuous to talk about arrangements in the future. We often include a future time reference: *this evening, tomorrow afternoon, next Sunday*, etc.

Harry is going ice skating on Friday evening.

We're meeting at six o'clock tomorrow evening.

Sometimes there isn't a time expression when it's clear we are talking about the future.

'What are you doing this evening?' 'I'm doing my homework.'

What time are you having dinner?

1. Complete the sentences using the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets

- 1 Oh no ... listen! I think the baby _____ (wake up).
- 2 You always _____ (arrive) at school early.
- 3 She _____ (not understand) the film.
- 4 _____ (you / leave) early today?
- 5 I _____ (prefer) to wear smart clothes.
- 6 What _____ (she / plan) for this weekend?
- 7 He never _____ (answer) the phone.

2- Find the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Are you believing me? _____
- 2 She is always having lunch at school. _____
- 3 I not coming right now. _____
- 4 Why do you phone him now? It's late. _____
- 5 Look! That taxi over there stops. _____
- 6 I write an email at the moment. _____

3- Complete the email with the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs below.

do know make play rain try visit

Hi Tony

What ¹ _____ at the moment? I ² _____ to finish my science project, but it's difficult. My young cousins ³ _____ us today and they ⁴ _____ a lot of noise. They ⁵ _____ that I have to hand in my project tomorrow. They usually ⁶ _____ outside, but it ⁷ _____ at the moment. Help! Can I come to your house to work?

Michael

4- VOCABULARY. Complete the sentences with the words below

headphones plain pyjamas scarf shorts sleeved smart tie tight trainers

- 1 Teachers have to wear _____ clothes to work.
- 2 She's looking for a short-_____ summer dress.
- 3 My dad always wears a shirt and _____ to work.
- 4 His _____ are always very dirty after football. He takes them off before he comes into the house.
- 5 I have to get dressed! I'm still in my _____!
- 6 It's cold. You need a hat and _____ today.
- 7 We wear _____ for P.E. in the summer and long tracksuit trousers in the winter.
- 8 These trousers are very _____. I need a different size.
- 9 I'm listening to music using my new _____.
- 10 For the school play, you have to wear a _____ sweatshirt with nothing on it.

5- Complete the sentences with the opposite of the adjectives in brackets. Add the prefix UN- where necessary

- 1 This is my _____ hair colour. (artificial)
- 2 She always wears _____ sunglasses. (light)
- 3 I think you're very _____. (kind)
- 4 The cost of living is _____ in Iceland. (low)
- 5 It's _____ to keep your wallet in the classroom. (dangerous)
- 6 Physics is a _____ subject. (easy)
- 7 Our neighbours are really _____. (friendly)
- 8 He gave some _____ information to the police. (true)
- 9 Teaching isn't just a _____ job. (male)
- 10 I've got a _____ bag for swimming lessons. (ordinary)