

THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE by Fulay BOZKURT

We use the **Present Continuous Tense**

- a. to describe an action that is happening now. (I am teaching present continuous tense now)
- b. to talk about actions and situations in progress around now (these days) -to describe temporary situations (I am studying in Germany as an exchange student)
- c. to describe FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS(I am flying to London tomorrow) ; especially when the time and place have been decided.(Ali is getting married at 3 tomorrow)
- d. for changing and developing situations(More and more forests are disappearing because of fires in our country)
- e. with ALWAYS when we want to express our irritation or annoyance at actions which happen too often. (You are always telling me lies. Enough!)

Time expressions:	now	nowadays
	at present	right now
	at the moment	these days
	today	this week

Affirmative form	Subject + am/is/are + Verb (ing) + Complement
	I am learning English right now.
Negative form	Subject + am not/isn't/aren't + Verb (ing) + Complement
	Mrs. Poe isn't going home now.
Question form	Am/is/are + Subject + Verb (ing) + Complement
	Are you working in the kitchen today?
Negative Question Form	Am...not/isn't/aren't + Subject + Verb (ing) + Complement
	Isn't Ernest waiting for us at school?

Fill in the blanks using the **Present Continuous Tense**.

1. Look! It.. **is raining**.....(rain).
2. They.....(listen) to the weather report on the radio now.
3. The birds.....(fly) to North.
4. Mr. Newton.....(wait) for a taxi.
5. Mrs. Fothergill.....(not cook) any food in the kitchen now.
6. Now, the boys.....(sit) at their desks and they.....(listen) to their teacher.
7. What.....Alvin.....(do) at the moment?
8. Martin's friends.....(not play) in the school yard now.
9. Nick's mother.....(knit) in the room.
10. Why.....the baby.....(cry) in bed?
11. Now, the students.....(stand) at the gate.

Ask questions for the underlined words.

1. *Fulya is going downstairs to help Ali at the moment.*

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

2. *Stella is going to the library to complete her term-work now.*

a. ?
b. ?
c. ?
d. ?
e. ?

3. Larry is going to the office to help his father now.

- a. ?
- b. ?
- c. ?
- d. ?
- e. ?

4. ***George is playing tennis with his sister at present.***

- a. ?
- b. ?
- c. ?
- d. ?
- e. ?

5. *Mary's mother is watching TV in her room now.*

- a. ?
- b. ?
- c. ?
- d. ?
- e. ?