Present Continuous

1. Read these sentences. Then, tick the correct option ✔ and put a cross next to the wrong one ✘:

Look! That woman is fighting the wind.

The man is walking through the snow. Can you see him?

My sisters are living with a friend, but only until they find an apartment.

These days I am training for the swimming competition.

We use the **Present Continuous** to talk about:

☐ things that happen repeatedly

☐ things that are happening right now, at this very moment.

You also use the **Present Continuous** to talk about:

☐ situations that are temporary or happen these days

☐ permanent situations which always stay the same

How to form the Present Continuous?

AFFIRMATIVE

Rule: PERSON | AM / IS / ARE | VERB + ING

Look at me! I _____ _____ **(to eat)** a delicious hamburger.

You / We / They _____ _____ **(to drink)** a glass of soda right now.

He / She / It _____ _____ **(to buy)** a doughnut from the shop. Doesn't it look delicious?

NEGATIVE

Rule: PERSON | AM / IS / ARE | NOT | VERB + ING

I _____ _____ _____ **(not watch)** TV right now because the power is down.

You / We / They _____ _____ _____ **(not go)** to school these days because of the snowstorm.

He / She / It _____ _____ _____ **(not clean)** the house right now. They're taking a break.

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QUESTIONS

AM / IS / ARE	PERSON	VERB + ING	?

Rule:

_____ I _____ **(to go)** to school today, mom?

_____ you / we / they _____ **(to read)** any book at the moment?

_____ he / she / it _____ **(to watch)** any show these days?

ANSWERS

Yes, I _____. No, I _____.

Yes, you ____. No, they _____

Yes, he _____. No, it _____.

Spelling Rules when you add -ING

Rule 1: Verbs ending in E → Cut the -**E** and add -**ING**

LIVE → **LIVING**

WRITE → _____

Rule 2: Verbs ending in consonant – vowel – consonant → Double the last **CONSONANT** and add -**ING**.

RUN → **RUNNING**

SPIN → _____

Do not double the last consonant if the word has **two syllables and the first syllable is stressed**

or if the **last letter is Y / W**:

OPEN → **OPENING**

LISTEN → _____

ENJOY → _____

SNOW → _____

Rule 3: Verbs ending in Y → Keep the **Y** and simply add -**ING**.

CRY → CRY**ING**

PLAY → _____

Rule 4: Verbs ending in IE → Replace the **IE** with a **Y** and add **ING**.

LIE → **LYING**

DIE → _____

TIE → _____

Look out for these time words!

NOW	**AT THE MOMENT**	**CURRENTLY**
LOOK!	**THESE DAYS**	**THESE WEEKS**

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