

# PRESENT CONTINUOUS

## USES

We use the **Present continuous** to talk/ask about actions in progress.

- She **is eating** an apple now  

- He **is wearing** a T-shirt in this photo  

- **Are** they playing football today?  

- I **am studying** English right now  


## COMMON TIME EXPRESSIONS

- at the moment
- at this moment
- now
- today
- in this photo
- right now
- Look!
- Listen!

## SPELLING RULES

There are some spelling rules for **-ing** forms.

- With verbs that end in **-e**, we omit **-e** and add **-ing**.  
have - having      ride - riding
- With verbs that end in **consonant + vowel + consonant** and the **last syllable** is **stressed**, we **double** the last consonant and add **-ing**.  
swim - swimming      run - running  
begin - beginning
  - Exception: the letters **w**, **x** and **y** are **never** doubled.  
mix - mixing      stay - staying  
blow - blowing
- With verbs that end in **-ie**, we change **-ie** to **-y** and add **-ing**.  
tie - tying      lie - lying

## STRUCTURE

### AFFIRMATIVE

I **am playing** (yo estoy jugando)  
I'm **playing**  
You **are** (tú estás jugando) (usted está jugando)  
You're **playing**  
He **is playing** (él está jugando)  
He's **playing**  
She **is playing** (ella está jugando)  
She's **playing**  
It **is playing** (está jugando) (un/a perro/a)  
It's **playing**  
We **are playing** (nosotr@s estamos jugando)  
We're **playing**  
You **are playing** (vosotr@s estáis jugando) (ustedes están jugando)  
You're **playing**  
They **are playing** (ell@s están jugando)  
They're **playing**

### NEGATIVE

I **am not playing** (yo no estoy jugando)  
I'm **not playing**  
You **are not playing** (tú no estás jugando) (usted no está jugando)  
You **aren't playing**  
He **is not playing** (él no está jugando)  
He **isn't playing**  
She **is not playing** (ella no está jugando)  
She **isn't playing**  
It **is not playing** (no está jugando) (un/a perro/a)  
It **isn't playing**  
We **are not playing** (nosotr@s no estamos jugando)  
We **aren't playing**  
You **are not playing** (vosotr@s no estáis jugando) (ustedes no están jugando)  
You **aren't playing**  
They **are not playing** (ell@s no están jugando)  
They **aren't playing**

### QUESTIONS AND SHORT ANSWERS

\*Am I playing? Yes, I **am**/No, I'm **not**.  
Are you playing? Yes, I **am**/ No, I'm **not**/Yes, we **are**/No, we **aren't**.  
Is she playing? Yes, she **is**/No, she **isn't**.  
Is he playing? Yes, he **is**/No, he **isn't**.  
Is it playing? Yes, it **is**/No, it **isn't**.  
\*Are we playing? Yes, we **are**/No, we **aren't**.  
Are they playing? Yes, they **are**/No, they **aren't**.  
\*It is not common

### WH-QUESTIONS

Where **are** you **playing** football? I'm **playing** football at school.  
What **are** you **doing**? I'm **doing** a craft activity.

1. Write the -ing form of the following verbs.

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| SMILE    |  |
| VACUUM   |  |
| HAVE     |  |
| WRITE    |  |
| GIVE     |  |
| SLEEP    |  |
| GET      |  |
| WASH     |  |
| COOK     |  |
| SPEAK    |  |
| BORROW   |  |
| PLAY     |  |
| READ     |  |
| SNOW     |  |
| PREPARE  |  |
| COMB     |  |
| MAKE     |  |
| RUN      |  |
| WALK     |  |
| PRACTISE |  |