

# PRESENT CONTINUOUS

## WHEN DO WE USE PRESENT CONTINUOUS?

We use the present continuous to talk about things you are doing now.

### EXAMPLE

I am eating a banana.

We use the present continuous to talk about temporary situations.

### EXAMPLE

I am living in London.

## TIME EXPRESSIONS USED IN PRESENT CONTINUOUS

NOW

RIGHT NOW

AT THE MOMENT

FOR A FEW DAYS/WEEKS/MONTHS

TODAY

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## HOW IS IT FORMED?

### AFFIRMATIVE

I + AM + V·ING

YOU/WE/THEY + ARE + V·ING

HE/SHE/IT + IS + V·ING

### NEGATIVE

I + AM + NOT + V·ING

YOU/WE/THEY + ARE + NOT + V·ING

HE/SHE/IT + IS + NOT + V·ING

### QUESTION

(QUESTION WORD) + AM + I + V·ING?

(QUESTION WORD) + ARE + YOU/WE/THEY + V·ING?

(QUESTION WORD) + IS + HE/SHE/IT + V·ING?

### QUESTION WORDS

WHERE? - PLACE

WHO? - PERSON

WHEN? - TIME

WHY? - REASON

WHAT? - THINGS OR ACTIONS

HOW? - MODE



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## SPELLING PROBLEMS

When a word ends in consonant + E, we remove the E from the end and add ING.

MAKE-MAKING

DANCE-DANCING

But when a word ends in I + E, we remove the IE from the end and add YING.

DIE-DYING

LIE-LYING

When a verb with one syllable ends in consonant + vowel + consonant, we double (make two of) the final consonant and add ING.

RUN-RUNNING

SWIM-SWIMMING

When a word ends in a W, X or Y, we do NOT double that final letter before add ING. Notice how there is a vowel before each letter.

FIX-FIXING

SNOW-SNOWING

When a verb has two or more syllables and the last syllable is NOT stressed, we do NOT double the final letter before adding ING.

OPEN-OPENING

LISTEN-LISTENING

When a verb has two or more syllables and ends in a consonant + vowel + consonant and the last syllable IS stressed, we double the final consonant before adding ING

BEGIN-BEGINNING

FORGET-FORGETTING

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## ACTIVITIES

### Fill the gaps

I \_\_\_\_\_ eating a banana.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ playing football now.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ studying English right now.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ brushing her teeth at the moment.  
It \_\_\_\_\_ raining.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ dancing.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ writing a letter.

### Write the verbs in the brackets in Present Continuous

We (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment.  
You (not/study) \_\_\_\_\_ English today.  
He (run) \_\_\_\_\_ at the park right now.  
It (not/snow) \_\_\_\_\_ in Alicante now.  
I (do) \_\_\_\_\_ my homework.

### Write questions for the answers given.

Q \_\_\_\_\_

A. I am not writing a letter right now.

Q \_\_\_\_\_

A. She is going to school today.

Q \_\_\_\_\_

A. They aren't going to the shopping centre now.