

Present Continuous

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Listen and repeat. Then act out.



| Affirmative | | Negative | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Long form | Short form | Long form | Short form |
| I am talking | I'm talking | I am not talking | I'm not talking |
| You are talking | You're talking | You are not talking | You aren't talking |
| He is talking | He's talking | He is not talking | He isn't talking |
| She is talking | She's talking | She is not talking | She isn't talking |
| It is talking | It's talking | It is not talking | It isn't talking |
| We are talking | We're talking | We are not talking | We aren't talking |
| You are talking | You're talking | You are not talking | You aren't talking |
| They are talking | They're talking | They are not talking | They aren't talking |

We use the **present continuous** for temporary actions or for actions happening at the time of speaking.

Time expressions used with the present continuous:

now

at the moment

at present

Spelling

When verbs end in one stressed vowel between two consonants, we double the consonant and add **-ing**.

swim – **swimming**

walk – **walking**

sit – **sitting**

BUT wait – **waiting**

Look at the spelling of these verbs: →

lie – **lying**, etc.

write – **writing**, etc.

Questions and short answers

| Questions | Short answers |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Am I listening? | Yes, I am . / No, I 'm not . |
| Are we/you/they listening? | Yes, we/you/they are . / No, we/you/they aren't . |
| Is he/she/it listening? | Yes, he/she/it is . / No, he/she/it isn't . |

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Add **-ing** to the verbs and put them in the correct column. Listen and repeat.

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|------|-------|-------|-----|-------|------|------|-------|
| drink | make | sit | begin | fly | cut | bake | take | drop |
| lie | hit | shave | play | die | sleep | meet | type | water |

| + ing | -ie → y + ing | -o → ing | double consonant + ing |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|
| drinking, | lying, | making, | hitting, |
| | | | |
| | | | |

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Complete the sentences.

Long Form

- He ... *is* ... feeding the dog.
- They reading.
- It flying.
- We not cleaning the floor.
- I not crying.

Short Form

- He *'s* feeding the dog.
- They reading.
- It flying.
- We cleaning the floor.
- I crying.

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Write the questions and answers.



- 1 (laugh?)
Is she laughing?
No, she isn't.
She's crying.



- 4 (ski?)



- 2 (eat?)
Is the dog eating?
Yes, it is.
It's eating.



- 5 (dance?)



- 3 (cook?)



- 6 (fly?)

4 Look at the picture and correct the sentences.



- 1 The man on the rock is eating a sandwich. *The man on the rock isn't eating a sandwich. He's fishing.*
- 2 The two boys on the beach are reading.
- 3 The woman under the umbrella is playing with the sand.
- 4 The baby is reading a newspaper.
- 5 The man under the umbrella is drinking some juice.
- 6 The two girls are fishing.

5 Look at the picture and the list of verbs. Then complete the text using the present continuous.

cook play look snow stay drink sit listen sleep sing

Dear Diary,

It's Sunday, my favourite day of the week. I 1) *am sitting* in the living room and I 2) at my big happy family. Mum 3) tea. My dad 4) dinner. The boys 5) with the karaoke machine. Grandmother 6) to the boys singing but grandfather 7) The girls 8) a board game. It is very cold. It 9) outside, so we 10) at home tonight. It's OK, though, because we have lots of fun together. I love my big noisy family so much!

