

The Present Continuous/Progressive Tense

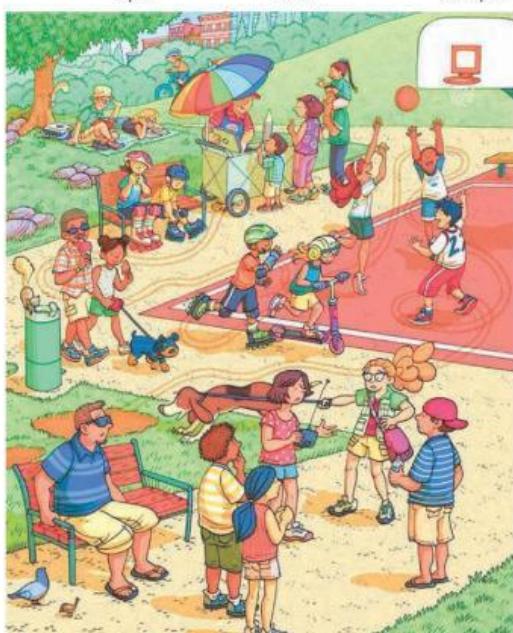
Formula for Present Progressive

Subject + Verb To be + Verb + Ing

We use the present continuous to describe an activity that is happening at the moment of speaking.

⇒ Mary is cleaning the windows now.
⇒ They are walking the dog right now.

She is crying because she heard the bad news.



Behind them, a boy _____ (ride) a bike. In the middle of the picture, a little girl _____ (ride) her scooter and a little boy _____ (chase) her. He _____ (not ride) a scooter, he is on his skateboard.

Change the following sentences into the immediate future using the present continuous.

1. My brother is going to give me some good advice. _____
2. We'll land in an hour. _____
3. The Queen Mary is going to sail next Friday. _____
4. We'll finish our lunch in a few minutes. _____
5. I'll speak to you everyday next week. _____
6. I am going to carry an umbrella, it's raining cats and dogs. / I am carrying an umbrella. It's raining cats and dogs _____
7. She'll take a shower before going to bed. _____
8. We're going to meet Saul at the airport at 10pm. _____
9. The guest won't come so soon. _____
10. He'll visit him tomorrow. _____
11. When will they stop that noise? _____
12. Will they get back before dusk? _____

Let's practice!

Present Continuous for Future Plans



11:40 12:00 12:30

Ben is preparing his swimming gear **now**. He is starting his training session at noon. He's swimming at 12:30 at noon.

Look at the picture and see what the people are doing. Put the verbs in brackets into the present continuous tense.

It's a lovely day in the park! Mr. Jones _____ (wear) a blue shirt and cream shorts. He _____ (sit) on a bench and he _____ (watch) some children. Just beside him, some birds _____ (peck) seeds. Mr. Edwards and his daughter _____ (eat) ice cream and _____ (take) the dog for a walk. In the background, an ice-cream seller _____ (sell) ice-creams and lollies and some children _____ (queue up). A girl with crazy ginger hair _____ (shout) at her dog, but the dog _____ (not listen). It _____ (pull) on its lead and _____ (try) to run away. Some boys and girls _____ (play) volleyball and they _____ (have) a great time! Behind the ice-cream seller, two people _____ (have) a picnic.