

Present Continuous

Present Continuous Tense								
Affirmative			Interrogative			Negative		
I	am		Am	I		I'm	not	
he	is	work ing	Is	he	work ing ?	he	isn't	work ing
she		swim ming		she	swim ming ?	she		swim ming
it				it		it		
we	are		Are	we		we	aren't	
you				you		you		
they				they		they		

SPELLING RULES

We add **-ing** to the main verb: work + ing = working

Exceptions

a. If the main verb ends in **consonant + stressed vowel + consonant**, we double the last letter: stop + p + ing = **stopping** / cut + t + ing = **cutting**

b. If the main verb ends in **ie**, we change the **ie** to **y**: die = **dying** + ing = **dying**

c. If the main verb ends in **vowel + consonant + e**, omit the **e**: come + ing = coming

USE

We use the present continuous tense to talk about:

- an action happening exactly now
- an action happening around now

Fill in the gaps with the verb in the Present Continuous

- What you (do) right now?
- I (read) a book at the moment.
- Jenny (clean) her room?
- We (have) a great time on our trip here in Spain!
- The children (swim) and Harry and I (sunbathe).
- Look! It (snow)!
- I can't talk to you now. I (work).
- It is true that nowadays kids (spend) more time indoors.
- This week Maria (finish) her book.
- What they (plan) for the weekend?
- It (not/rain) at the moment.
- You (not/travel) to Athens on Saturday, you (travel) on Friday.
- Where are the boys? Well, Peter (study) for his test and Chris (take) out the rubbish.
- Listen! Someone (come).
- Mum (not/sleep) she (lie) down.