

Present Progressive / Continuous tense #1

We use the **Present Progressive** to talk about actions that are happening **now**.

To talk about right now, we use a form of the verb *to be* (*am, is, are*) and a main *verb + ing*.

I	<i>am</i>	(not) negative	<u>waiting</u> in line.
You	<i>are</i>		<u>buying</u> new shoes.
We			
They			
He	<i>is</i>		<u>looking</u> for a black dress.
She			
It		<u>trying</u> on boots.	

A. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb *be*.

1 I _____ going to the mall right now.

2 The stores are very busy. Many people _____ shopping today.

3 Some women _____ trying on coats.

4 A man _____ returning some jeans.

5 An assistant _____ helping a customer find the right size.

- 6 You and I _____ buying presents for Christmas.
- 7 A customer _____ paying with cash.
- 8 Some teens _____ hanging out in the food court.
- 9 A cashier _____ scanning prices.
- 10 Some children _____ playing in the store.

B. Complete the sentences with the **Present Progressive** form of the verb in parentheses ().

Example: You are working with a team right now. (work)

- 1 Right now we _____ new grammar. (practice)*
- 2 I _____ a lot. (study)
- 3 The students _____ a lot of English. (learn)
- 4 Donald _____ his laptop. (use)*
- 5 The teacher _____ her screen. (share)*
- 6 We _____ a game at the moment. (play)
- 7 Now I _____ more in class. (speak)

**spelling rule:* consonant + "e," drop the "e," add -ing
practice → practicing