

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

USES

We use the Present continuous to talk/ask about actions in progress.

- She **is eating** an apple now

- He **is wearing** a T-shirt in this photo

- **Are they playing** football today?

- I **am studying** English right now


COMMON TIME EXPRESSIONS

- at the moment
- at this moment
- now
- today
- in this photo
- right now
- Look!
- Listen!

SPELLING RULES

There are some spelling rules for **-ing** forms.

- With verbs that end in **-e**, we omit **-e** and add **-ing**.
have - having ride - riding
- With verbs that end in **consonant + vowel + consonant** and the last syllable is **stressed**, we **double** the last consonant and add **-ing**.
swim - swimming run - running
begin - beginning
 - Exception: the letters **w**, **x** and **y** are **never** doubled.
mix - mixing stay - staying
blow - blowing
- With verbs that end in **-ie**, we change **-ie** to **-y** and add **-ing**.
tie - tying lie - lying

STRUCTURE

AFFIRMATIVE

I **am** playing (yo estoy jugando)
I'm **playing**
You **are** (tú estás jugando) (usted está jugando)
You're **playing**
He **is** playing (él está jugando)
He's **playing**
She **is** playing (ella está jugando)
She's **playing**
It **is** playing (está jugando) (un/a perro/a)
It's **playing**
We **are** playing (nosotr@s estamos jugando)
We're **playing**
You **are** playing (vosotr@s estás jugando) (ustedes están jugando)
You're **playing**
They **are** playing (ell@s están jugando)
They're **playing**

NEGATIVE

I **am not** playing (yo no estoy jugando)
I'm **not** playing
You **are not** playing (tú no estás jugando) (usted no está jugando)
You **aren't** playing
He **is not** playing (él no está jugando)
He **isn't** playing
She **is not** playing (ella no está jugando)
She **isn't** playing
It **is not** playing (no está jugando) (un/a perro/a)
It **isn't** playing
We **are not** playing (nosotr@s no estamos jugando)
We **aren't** playing
You **are not** playing (vosotr@s no estás jugando) (ustedes no están jugando)
You **aren't** playing
They **are not** playing (ell@s no están jugando)
They **aren't** playing

QUESTIONS AND SHORT ANSWERS

***Am I playing?** Yes, I **am**/No, I'm **not**.
Are you playing? Yes, I **am**/ No, I'm **not**/Yes, we **are**/No, we **aren't**.
Is she playing? Yes, she **is**/No, she **isn't**.
Is he playing? Yes, he **is**/No, he **isn't**.
Is it playing? Yes, it **is**/No, it **isn't**.
***Are we playing?** Yes, we **are**/No, we **aren't**.
Are they playing? Yes, they **are**/No, they **aren't**.
*It is not common

WH-QUESTIONS

Where **are** you **playing** football? I'm **playing** football at school.
What **are** you **doing**? I'm **doing** a craft activity.

1. Write the -ing form of the following verbs.

SMILE	
VACUUM	
HAVE	
WRITE	
GIVE	
SLEEP	
GET	
WASH	
COOK	
SPEAK	
BORROW	
PLAY	
READ	
SNOW	
PREPARE	
COMB	
MAKE	
RUN	
WALK	
PRACTISE	