

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

WHEN DO WE USE PRESENT CONTINUOUS?

We use the present continuous to talk about things you are doing now.

EXAMPLE

I am eating a banana.

We use the present continuous to talk about temporary situations.

EXAMPLE

I am living in London.

TIME EXPRESSIONS USED IN PRESENT CONTINUOUS

NOW

RIGHT NOW

AT THE MOMENT

FOR A FEW DAYS/WEEKS/MONTHS

TODAY

...

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HOW IS IT FORMED?

AFFIRMATIVE

I + AM + V·ING

YOU/WE/THEY + ARE + V·ING

HE/SHE/IT + IS + V·ING

NEGATIVE

I + AM + NOT + V·ING

YOU/WE/THEY + ARE + NOT + V·ING

HE/SHE/IT + IS + NOT + V·ING

QUESTION

(QUESTION WORD) + AM + I + V·ING?

(QUESTION WORD) + ARE + YOU/WE/THEY + V·ING?

(QUESTION WORD) + IS + HE/SHE/IT + V·ING?

QUESTION WORDS

WHERE? - PLACE

WHO? - PERSON

WHEN? - TIME

WHY? - REASON

WHAT? - THINGS OR ACTIONS

HOW? - MODE

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SPELLING PROBLEMS

When a word ends in consonant + E, we remove the E from the end and add ING.

MAKE-MAKING
DANCE-DANCING

But when a word ends in I + E, we remove the IE from the end and add YING.

DIE-DYING
LIE-LYING

When a verb with one syllable ends in consonant + vowel + consonant, we double (make two of) the final consonant and add ING.

RUN-RUNNING
SWIM-SWIMMING

When a word ends in a W, X or Y, we do NOT double that final letter before add ING. Notice how there is a vowel before each letter.

FIX-FIXING
SNOW-SNOWING

When a verb has two or more syllables and the last syllable is NOT stressed, we do NOT double the final letter before adding ING.

OPEN-OPENING
LISTEN-LISTENING

When a verb has two or more syllables and ends in a consonant + vowel + consonant and the last syllable IS stressed, we double the final consonant before adding ING

BEGIN-BEGINNING
FORGET-FORGETTING

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ACTIVITIES

Fill the gaps

I _____ eating a banana.

You _____ playing football now.

He _____ studying English right now.

She _____ brushing her teeth at the moment.

It _____ raining.

We _____ dancing.

They _____ writing a letter.

Write the verbs in the brackets in Present Continuous

We (eat) _____ at the moment.

You (not/study) _____ English today.

He (run) _____ at the park right now.

It (not/snow) _____ in Alicante now.

I (do) _____ my homework.

Write questions for the answers given.

Q _____

A. I am not writing a letter right now.

Q _____

A. She is going to school today.

Q _____

A. They aren't going to the shopping centre now.