

The Present Continuous/Progressive Tense

Formula for Present Progressive

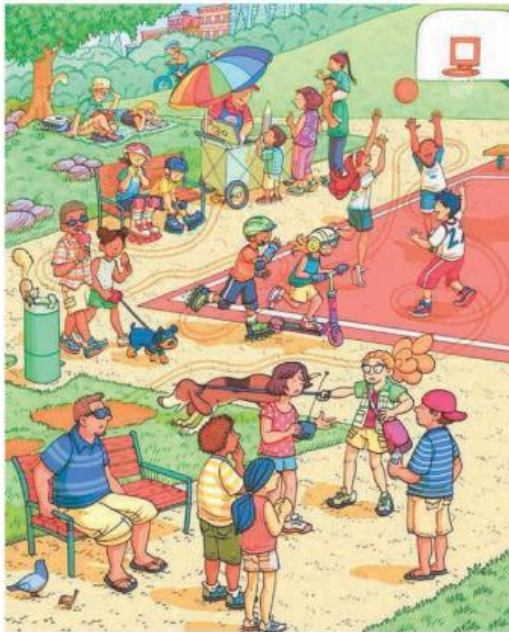
Subject + Verb To be + Verb + ing

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.



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.

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.

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

Present Continuous for Future Plans

