

Mastering the Present Continuous

The **Present Continuous** is used to describe actions happening **right now** or around the current moment. It is formed using the verb *to be* (**am, is, are**) and the main verb ending in **-ing**.

Part 1: Affirmative Sentences

Structure: Subject + am/is/are + verb-ing

Exercise: Rewrite the following sentences using the correct form of the Present Continuous.

1. I (read) a fascinating book about space.

○ *Answer:*

2. The chef (prepare) a special dinner for the guests.

○ *Answer:*

3. They (play) soccer in the park right now.

○ *Answer:*

4. Sarah (study) for her final exams this week.

○ *Answer:*

Part 2: Negative Sentences

Structure: Subject + am/is/are + **not** + verb-ing

Exercise: Change the following affirmative sentences into negative ones.

1. We are moving to a new house on Friday.

○ *Negative:*

2. He is listening to the radio.

○ *Negative:*

3. The birds are singing outside my window.

○ *Negative:*

4. You are wearing your favorite shoes.

○ *Negative:*

Part 3: Interrogative Sentences

Closed Questions (Yes/No): Am/Is/Are + Subject + verb-ing? **Open Questions**

(Wh-): Wh- word + am/is/are + Subject + verb-ing?

Exercise A: Write the Yes/No question for the following answers.

1. _____ ?

(Yes, the baby is sleeping.)

2. _____ ?

(No, they aren't working today.)

Exercise B: Write an open question for the underlined part.

3. _____?

(He is eating a sandwich.)

4. _____?

(Because it's raining, I'm staying home.)

Part 4: Contextual Completion

Exercise: Fill in the blanks with the Present Continuous form. Pay close attention to the context to decide if the sentence should be **affirmative** or **negative**.

1. Please be quiet! The baby _____ (**sleep**).
2. You can turn off the TV. I _____ (**watch**) it; I'm actually reading.
3. Look at those clouds! It _____ (start) to rain.
4. Why _____ (**you / wear**) a coat? It's 30°C outside!
5. Jack is in the kitchen, but he _____ (cook). He is just washing the dishes.
6. The company _____ (do) very well this year, so they are hiring more staff.