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Describing Pictures: Present Continuous Tense

Part 1: Remember

When do we use it? We use the Present Continuous to describe actions happening right now at the moment of speaking or to describe what people are doing in a picture.

Affirmative Structure:

Subject + am / is / are + Verb-ing

- **I am (I'm)** studying English.
- **He / She / It is (He's / She's)** reading a book.
- **We / You / They are (They're)** playing football.

Spelling Tip (-ing):

- Most verbs: add **-ing** (*listen -> listening, eat -> eating*)
- Verbs ending in silent **-e**: remove the -e (*write -> writing, dance -> dancing*)
- Short vowel + consonant: double the last consonant (*run -> running, swim -> swimming*)

Part 2: Look and Identify

Look at the pictures below. Use the word bank under each picture to write complete sentences in the Present Continuous. Use different subjects: **he, she, they, the boy, the girl, the students**.



Picture A Sentences:

Word Bank: type on a laptop • take notes • read a textbook • discuss a project

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.



Word Bank: throw a ball • jog on the track • stretch • wear sports shoes

Picture B Sentences:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.



Word Bank: chop vegetables • stir the sauce • set the table • cook dinner

Picture C Sentences:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Part 3: Complete the Sentences

Complete each sentence using the correct form of the Present Continuous (**am / is / are + verb-ing**).

1. The boy _____ (run) along the track in the park.
2. They _____ (play) basketball on the outdoor court.
3. The girl _____ (type) an essay on her laptop.
4. The father _____ (chop) carrots on the cutting board.
5. The students _____ (study) for their final exams.
6. She _____ (listen) to music while doing her homework.
7. We _____ (prepare) a healthy dinner for the family.
8. The teenager _____ (stretch) his arms next to the bench.
9. I _____ (write) notes in my English notebook.
10. They _____ (eat) lunch together in the cafeteria.

Part 4: Picture Description Challenge

Examine the busy town square below. Write **8 complete sentences** in the Present Continuous describing what the different people are doing.



Prompts to help you: What is the musician doing? • What are the skateboarders doing? • What is the woman with the dog doing? • What is the man on the bench doing? • Where are the students walking?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Part 5: Speaking Practice (Pair Work)

Instructions: Work with a partner. Look at the town plaza picture from Part 4.

- **Student A:** Choose one person from the picture. Describe what they are wearing and what they are doing **without pointing** or saying their name.
- **Student B:** Listen carefully, look at the picture, and guess who your partner is describing.
- Switch roles after each turn!

Model Dialogue:

Student A: *"This person is sitting on a wooden bench near the trees. He is holding a newspaper and reading."*

Student B: *"Is he the older man on the bench?"*

Student A: *"Yes, that's correct! Your turn."*