

# Present Continuous

Present Continuous Tense								
Affirmative			Interrogative			Negative		
I	am		Am	I		I'm	not	
he	is	working	Is	he	working?	he	isn't	working
she				she		she		
it		swimming		it	swimming?	it		swimming
we	are		Are	we		we	aren't	
you				you		you		
they				they		they		

## SPELLING RULES

We add **-ing** to the main verb: work + ing = working

### Exceptions

a. If the main verb ends in **consonant + stressed vowel + consonant**, we double the last letter: stop + p + ing = stop**ping** / cut + t + ing = cut**ting**

b. If the main verb ends in **ie**, we change the **ie** to **y**: die - d**ie** + ing = d**ying**

c. If the main verb ends in **vowel + consonant + e**, omit the **e**: come + ing = com**ing**

## USE

We use the **present continuous tense** to talk about:

- an action happening exactly now
- an action happening around now

Fill in the gaps with the verb in the Present Continuous

- What ..... you ..... (do) right now?
- I ..... (read) a book at the moment.
- ..... Jenny ..... (clean) her room?
- We ..... (have) a great time on our trip here in Spain!
- The children ..... (swim) and Harry and I ..... (sunbathe).
- Look! It ..... (snow)!
- I can't talk to you now. I ..... (work).
- It is true that nowadays kids ..... (spend) more time indoors.
- This week Maria ..... (finish) her book.
- What ..... they ..... (plan) for the weekend?
- It ..... (not/rain) at the moment.
- You ..... (not/travel) to Athens on Saturday, you ..... (travel) on Friday.
- Where are the boys? Well, Peter ..... (study) for his test and Chris ..... (take) out the rubbish.
- Listen! Someone ..... (come).
- Mum ..... (not/sleep) she ..... (lie) down.