

Present Continuous- Use

1) actions happening at the moment of speaking

Peter **is reading** a book now.

2) fixed plan in the near future

She **is going** to Basel on Saturday.

3) temporary actions

His father **is working** in Rome this month.

4) actions happening around the moment of speaking (longer actions)

My friend **is preparing** for his exams.

5) trends

More and more people **are using** their computers to listen to music.

Signal words

now, at the moment, Look! Listen!

Form

to be (am, are, is) + infinitive + -ing

Examples

Affirmative sentences: I **am playing** football. You **are playing** football. You're **playing** football. I'm **playing** football.

Negative sentences: I **am not playing** football. I'm **not playing** football. You **are not playing** football. You're **not playing** football. You **aren't playing** football.

Questions: Am I **playing** football? Are you **playing** football?