

PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

VERB

A sentence needs a verb. A verb in a sentence is sometimes preceded by helping verbs or modals.

- Verb : go, make, meet, read...etc
- Helping verb + verb : don't go, doesn't like, have seen, hasn't written
- Modal + verb : can swim, may leave, will study...etc
- Verb be + progressive verb : is swimming, are reading

In English, there are three types of verb: (1) present (2) past and (3) past participle. Past and past participle verbs divided into two kinds: (1) regular and (2) irregular verbs. To decide whether the verb is regular or irregular, we need to see the list of irregular verbs. If the verb is on the list of irregular verbs, it is called as irregular verb. On the other hand, if the verb is not on the list or irregular verb, it is called as regular verb. The using of the verbs depends on what tense is used. If the tense is present, we must use the present verb. Past Verb is used when the tense is in past tense. While verb in past participle is applied for perfect tense.

Rules of forming regular verbs:

END OF VERB — ED FORM		
Rule 1	A CONSONANT+ e	ADD d
	<i>live</i>	<i>lived</i>
	<i>close</i>	<i>closed</i>
Rule 2	ONE VOWEL + ONE CONSONANT*	Double the consonant, ADD ed
	<i>rob</i>	<i>robbed</i>
	<i>beg</i>	<i>begged</i>
Rule 3	Two VOWELS + ONE CONSONANT	ADD ed ; Do not double the consonant
	<i>explain</i>	<i>explained</i>
	<i>clean</i>	<i>cleaned</i>
Rule 4	TWO CONSONANTS	ADD ed ; Do not double the consonant
	<i>start</i>	<i>started</i>
	<i>jump</i>	<i>jumped</i>
Rule 5	CONSONANT+ —y	CHANGE y To i ADD ed
	<i>hurry</i>	<i>hurried</i>
	<i>try</i>	<i>tried</i>
Rule 6	VOWEL+ y	ADD ed ; Do not change y To i
	<i>pray</i>	<i>prayed</i>
	<i>destroy</i>	<i>destroyed</i>

Note: Rule number 2 can't be applied for the word ending with r, s or x. Just add ED and do not double the consonant if the word ending with ONE VOWEL + R/S/X.

Example:

- remember = remembered
- fix = fixed

• List of irregular verbs

BASE FORM	SIMPLE PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE
be (am/is/are)	was/were	been
beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bite	bit	bitten
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built
Buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
Cut	cut	cut
Do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
Eat	ate	eaten
Fall	fell	fallen
Feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
Find	found	found
Fly	flew	flown
forget	forgot	forgotten
Get	got	gotten
Give	gave	given
Go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
hang	hung	hung
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
Hit	hit	hit
hold	held	held
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
know	knew	known
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent

BASE FORM	SIMPLE PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE
let	let	let
lie	lay	lain
light	lit	lit
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
pay	paid	paid
put	put	put
read	read	read
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
shine	shone	shone
shoot	shot	shot
show	showed	shown
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
swim	swam	swum
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
understand	understood	understood
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
win	won	won
write	wrote	written

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- Function: to talk about something that is happening at the time of speaking

Form:

	S	Be	Verb Ing	O	Adverb of Time
+	I	am	studying	English	now
	You	are	painting	the wall	at this moment
	We		writing	letters	at this time
	They		building	a house	
	He	is	playing	football	
	She		going	to school	
	It		flying		

-	S	Be	Not	Verb Ing	O	Adverb of Time
	I	am	not	studying	English	now
	You	are	not	painting	the wall	at this moment
	We		not	writing	letters	at this time
	They	not	building	a house		
	He	is	not	playing	football	
	She		not	going	to school	
It		not	flying			

	Be	S	Verb Ing	O	Adverb of Time
?	Am	I	studying	English	now?
	Are	you	painting	the wall	at this moment?
		we	writing	letters	at this time?
		they	building	a house	
	Is	he	playing	football	
		she	going	to school	
		it	flying		

ANSWER				
+	Yes,	S	is/am/are	
-	No,	S	is/am/are	not

PRACTICE 1

What's happening at the moment? Write true sentences.

- (I / wash / my hair)
- (it / snow)
- (I / sit / on a chair)
- (I / eat)
- (it / rain)
- (I / learn / English)
- (I / listen / to music)
- (the sun / shine)
- (I / wear / shoes)
- (I / read / a newspaper)

PRACTICE 3

Complete the sentences. Use one of the verbs in the box

build - cook - speak - go - have - stand - read - stay - swim - work

- Please be quiet. I _____
- 'Where's John?' 'He's in the kitchen.
He _____
- 'You _____ on my foot.' 'Oh, I'm sorry'
- Look! Somebody _____ in the river.
- We're here on holiday. We _____ at the Central Hotel.

PRACTICE 2

Write a complete question for each answer below.

- _____ No, I am not. I am reading a book.
- _____ Yes, she is. Sonia is drawing a picture.
- _____ Yes, he is. Father is singing in the bathroom.
- _____ No, they aren't. Fadli and Arman aren't swimming in the deep river.
- _____ No, we aren't. We aren't doing our homework at this moment.
- _____ Yes, we are. I and my sister are playing with our cat.
- _____ Yes, they are. The naughty boys are fighting in the classroom now.
- _____ No, he isn't. Andy isn't talking to you.
- _____ Yes, she is. Rita is speaking English with my friend.
- _____ Yes, I am. I am trying to understand what you are talking about.