



Present Continuous Tense (Negative and Interrogative)

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Exercise 1 – Learning

Present Continuous - Negative

Remember that the present continuous pattern is: **'be' + main verb-ing**.

'Be' is a **'helping verb'** here, because it does not have any meaning in the sentence, but it 'helps' us form a grammatical structure.

To form negative sentences in this tense, put **'not'** in between the helping verb and the main verb: **helping verb 'be' + not + main verb -ing**.

- I am **not** singing.
- He's **not** sleeping.
- We're **not** studying.

Forming negative sentences in the present continuous is the same process as forming them in the simple present: "I cook" becomes "I **do not** cook". We negate the helping verb instead of directly negating the main verb: "I cook" **does not** become "I cook not".



Present Continuous - Interrogative

To form yes-no questions in this tense, simply switch the subject and the helping verb:

- **I am** sleeping. → **Am I** sleeping?
- **It is** raining. → **Is it** raining?
- **They are** coming. → **Are they** coming?



Exercise 2 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the negative present continuous form of the verb.

1. Lisa and Peter _____ together. (do not play)
2. I _____ for him to come. (do not wait)
3. They _____ to England this year. (do not go)
4. My uncle _____ to our house today. (do not come)
5. She _____ beer these days. (do not drink)
6. We _____ the taxi home. (do not take)
7. The baby _____ now. (do not cry)
8. Megan _____ chicken. (do not cook)



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to make questions and change these verbs into present continuous tense.

Example: The people jump. → Are the people jumping?

Content:

1. The dog waits for his owner.
2. I sit near the pool.
3. Lisa smells her clothes.
4. An airplane flies in the sky.
5. The girl kisses her mother.
6. The cats sleep.