

## A

Study this example situation:

Sarah is in her car. She is on her way to work.  
She **is driving** to work.

This means: she is driving *now*, at the time of speaking.  
The action is not finished.

**Am/is/are + -ing** is the *present continuous*:

<b>I am</b> (= I'm)	driving
<b>he/she/it is</b> (= he's etc.)	working
<b>we/you/they are</b> (= we're etc.)	doing etc.

First, try to describe this picture



## B

**I am doing something** = I'm in the middle of doing it; I've started doing it and I haven't finished:

- ☒ Please don't make so much noise. **I'm trying** to work. (*not I try*)
- ☒ 'Where's Mark?' 'He's **having** a shower.' (*not He has a shower*)
- ☒ Let's go out now. It **isn't raining** any more. (*not It doesn't rain*)
- ☒ (at a party) Hi, Jane. **Are you enjoying** the party? (*not Do you enjoy*)
- ☒ What's all that noise? What's **going** on? (= What's happening?)

Sometimes the action is not happening at the time of speaking. For example:

Steve is talking to a friend on the phone. He says:



**I'm reading** a really good book at the moment.  
It's about a man who ...

Steve is not reading the book at the time of speaking.  
He means that he has started it, but has not finished it yet.  
He is in the middle of reading it.

Some more examples:

- ☐ Kate wants to work in Italy, so **she's learning Italian**. (but perhaps she isn't learning Italian at the time of speaking)
- ☐ Some friends of mine **are building** their own house. They hope to finish it next summer.

## C

You can use the present continuous with **today / this week / this year** etc. (periods around now):

- ☐ A: You're **working hard today**. (*not You work hard today*)
- B: Yes, I have a lot to do.
- ☐ The company I work for **isn't doing** so well **this year**.

## D

We use the present continuous when we **talk about changes happening around now**, especially with these verbs: 최근에 상황이나, 사람 등의 변화가 발생한 것에 대해서도 진행형(~ing)를 사용합니다.

**get change become increase rise fall grow improve begin start**

- ☐ Is your English **getting** better? (*not Does your English get better*)
- ☐ The population of the world **is increasing** very fast. (*not increases*)
- ☐ At first I didn't like my job, but **I'm beginning** to enjoy it now. (*not I begin*)