

GRAMMAR

The present continuous: part II

LEVEL

Beginner

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can differentiate between when to use the present simple and when to use the present continuous
- I can use the present continuous to talk about arrangements.

Normally I **eat** vegetables, fruit,
and bread. But today, I **am eating**
a big hamburger with cheese!

Review the present continuous

- Use the **present continuous** when talking about things you are doing right now
- We form the present continuous with **to be** and **verb + ing**.

Personal Pronoun

I

Present continuous

am eating.

You

are eating a tomato.

He, she, it

is buying oil and meat.

We

are buying vegetables, not seafood.



Review: contractions in the present continuous



I'm listening to music.

She isn't playing football, she's playing rugby.

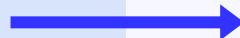
What do you see in the picture?

We often use **contractions** in spoken English. Can you say the sentences above with the full words?

Review: contractions in the present continuous

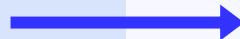
- When we speak in the present continuous, we often combine the **personal pronoun** and the form of **to be**.

I am eating



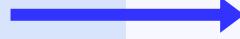
I'm eating

You are eating



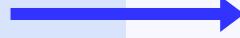
You're eating

He is eating



He's eating

We are eating



We're eating

They are eating



They're eating

Complete the sentence

1 Emily and Mike _____ food like vegetables and dairy.

- a. am reading
- b. is eating
- c. are liking
- d. are buying

2 For lunch, Rick _____ salad, a baked potato and cookies.

- a. are hungry
- b. is hungry
- c. am going
- d. is having

3 We are _____ to the market.

- a. am going
- b. go
- c. going
- d. reading



Find the mistakes and correct them!

I am going to the supermarket. I is buying tomatoes, soup, and eggs. Robert go with me. He are buy salad and meat. We are going to eat a lot of food.

You is a good cook. I am very hungry. We like fruit and vegetables. Jessica are making a soup with carrots and peas.





Complete the sentence

1 _____ am going to eat lemons and oranges.

2 He _____ reading the shopping list.

3 We are eggs, but not cheese.

4 We like _____ lunch at home.

Forming questions with the present continuous

- To form a question in the present continuous, the **verb** comes first, and the **subject pronoun** comes second.

Statement	Question
You are eating biscuits.	Are you eating biscuits?
She is drinking juice.	Is she drinking juice?
They are buying biscuits and milk.	Are they buying biscuits and milk?

Present simple vs. present continuous

- The **present continuous** is used for things happening right now or are in progress.
- For things you normally do, use the **present simple**. Compare the examples below.

Present Simple

I eat fruit every day.

She buys food on Tuesdays.

I drink lots of water.

You drink juice and milk.

Present Continuous

I am eating a banana for lunch.

She is buying food from the store now.

I'm drinking lots of water.

You're drinking juice and milk today.

Analyse a text

Find the present continuous verbs and then make another conversation.



Hi Amy! What are you doing today? I am going to the supermarket. We're having fish for dinner.



That sounds good! I need to buy food. I only have rice and water at home.



I'm going now. Come with me!

Match the sentences

1 I...

2 He eats pizza...

3 He...

4 She always walks the dog...

5 They...

a every week.

b every day.

c am eating a cheese sandwich.

d are eating breakfast together.

e is having a salad.

Present continuous

Make a sentence in the present continuous.



You, **eat**

I, **go**

They, **buy**

She, **drink**

Write the sentence as a question

1

You are shopping for fruit.



2

We are eating breakfast.



3

She is reading a book.



4

They are drinking water.



What are they doing?

1



2



3



4



Practise the present continuous

Have a conversation with a partner about what you are doing today.
Your classmate will write down the verbs you say!



Analyse the text

We cook every Sunday. I love to cook, and I am teaching Daisy, my daughter, to love it too. I think it is very important to know how to prepare food. Daisy doesn't know everything yet, but she is learning fast.

Today we are cooking Italian food. I am cutting the peppers and Daisy is organising the ingredients. We are both very hungry and we are looking forward to eating some delicious food!



What are they doing? (1/2)

1



2



3



4



What are they doing? (2/2)

1



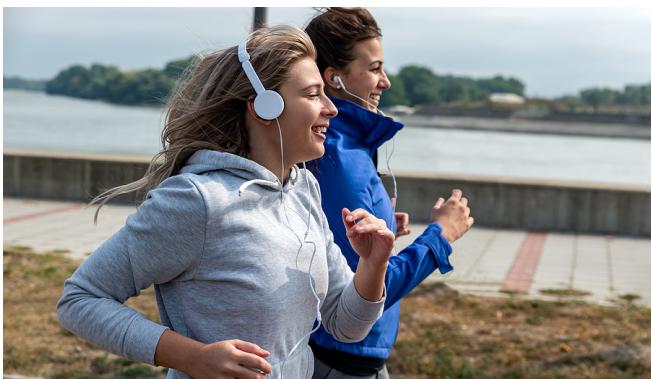
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3



4



What do you like?

Talk about what you plan to do this week using the present continuous.

“ On Tuesday I am playing football and on Thursday I am going rock climbing. On Sunday I am cooking dinner with my friends.”

Let's reflect!

- Can I differentiate between when to use the present simple and when to use the present continuous?
- Can I use the present continuous to talk about arrangements?

Your teacher will now make one suggestion for improvement for each student.

End of the lesson

Idiom

I'll eat my hat!

Meaning: Use this phrase when you are very surprised by something.

Example: Well, I'll eat my hat!



Additional practice



Negatives and questions



Create a negative sentence and a question from the positive statements.

1 He is reading.



He is not reading. Is he reading?

2 We are helping.



3 You are sleeping.



4 They are coming.



5 She is ice skating.



6 He is playing.





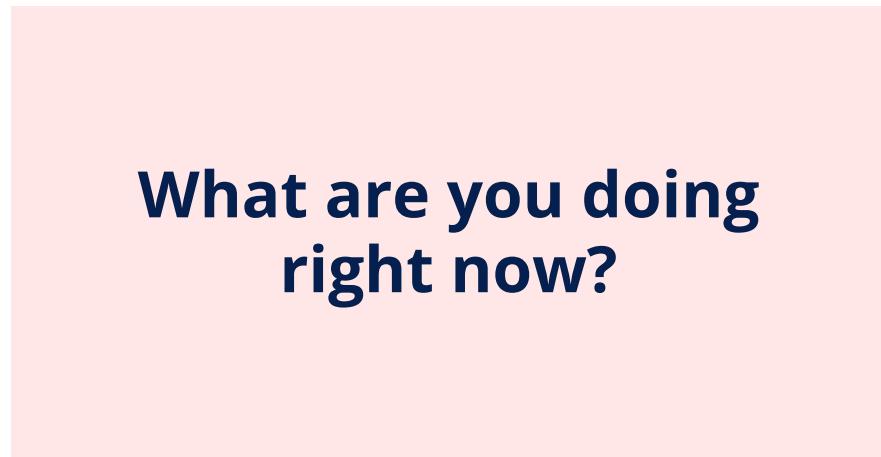
Choose the correct option





Speaking

Ask your teacher and your classmates.



**What are you doing
right now?**



**What do you usually do
at this time?**

Answer key

Exercise p. 7

1.D 2.D 3.C

Exercise p. 9

1. B 2.A 3.B 4.A

Exercise p. 12

doing, going, having, going

Exercise p. 13

1. C 2.A 3.E 4.B 5.D

Exercise p.14

You are eating, I am going, they are buying, she is drinking

Exercise p. 15

Are you shopping for fruit?, Are we eating breakfast?, Is she reading a book?, Are they drinking water?

Answer key

Exercise p.25

2) We are not helping. Are we helping?, 3) You are not sleeping. Are you sleeping?, 4) They are not coming. Are they coming? 5) She is not ice skating. Is she ice skating? 6) He is not playing. Is he playing?

Exercise p.26

1) a, 2) b, 3) b, 4) a

Summary

Present continuous review:

- Use the **present continuous** when talking about things you are doing right now
- Form the present continuous with **to be** and **verb + ing**.
- We often combine the **personal pronoun** and the form of **to be**: e.g. **I am eating** → **I'm eating**.

Present continuous questions:

- To form a question in the present continuous, the **verb** comes first and the **subject pronoun** comes second.
- e.g. **Are you eating?**

Present simple vs present continuous:

- The **present continuous** is used for things happening right now or are in progress.
- For things you normally do, use the **present simple**.
- e.g. **I am eating an apple. I often eat apples.**

Vocabulary

cook

peas

biscuits

every...

to cook

Notes