

The present continuous: part 1

GRAMMAR

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Beginner

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English

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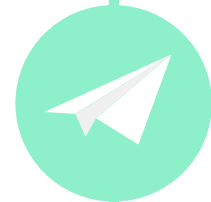


Goals

- Can understand how to form the present continuous with to be + verb + ing
- Can create basic sentences in both aspects of the present tense



We are speaking English and **you are learning** about the present tense.





Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson, you will learn how to **form** and **use** the **present continuous**.



I **am eating** at a lovely restaurant with my colleagues.



Present continuous in the singular

- The present continuous is a combination of **to be** and another **verb + ing**.
- Below are examples with singular personal pronouns using the verb **to work**.
 - Only the form of the verb **to be** changes.

Personal Pronoun	to be	verb + <i>ing</i>
I	am	working
you	are	working
he	is	working
she	is	working
it	is	working



Present continuous in the plural

- Below are examples of the **present continuous** in the **plural**.
- The verb form is the same for any plural pronoun. The examples below are with the verb ***to work***.

Personal Pronoun	to be	verb + <i>ing</i>
we	are	working
you (plural)	are	working
they	are	working



Present simple or present continuous?

	PRESENT CONTINUOUS	PRESENT SIMPLE
1. I am working today.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. You eat breakfast at work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I love my job.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. They are talking to their colleagues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. He is reading a report.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Match the pronoun to the correct ending

I...

are working.

We...

is speaking.

She...

am writing.



Finish the sentences

1. I ...

a. are reading a report.

2. He...

b. eating dinner with their clients.

3. You...

c. is speaking English.

4. They are...

d. am writing an email.



Both forms of the present

- Now you know two forms of the present: the **present simple** and the **present continuous**.
- We use the **present continuous** to talk about things that are happening right now.
- We use the **present simple** to talk about things in general.

Present Simple	Present Continuous
I work.	I am working .
You speak.	You are speaking .
He writes emails.	He is writing emails.



Negative present continuous

To make the present continuous negative, add **not** after the verb **to be**.

Positive	Negative
I am working.	I am not working.
She is reading a report.	She is not reading a report.
They are learning.	They are not learning.



What are the colleagues doing?

1. They _____ dinner with their colleagues.
2. There is _____ on the table.
3. They are _____ around the table.
4. There _____ on the table.



food

are eating

is wine

sitting



Match the sentence to the picture

1. They are talking.

2. She is smiling.

3. She is writing an email.

4. He is eating.



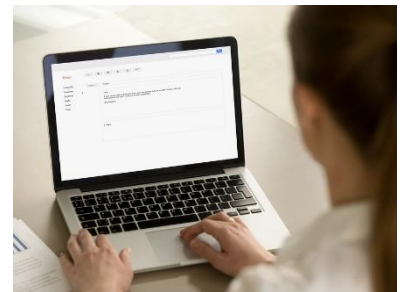
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C



D



Rewrite the sentences using the present continuous

1. I work.

→ I am working.

2. They talk to their colleagues.

→ _____

3. It rains.

→ _____

4. They eat at work.

→ _____



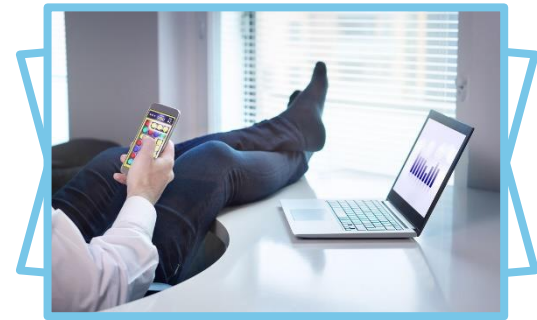
Find the negative

What is the opposite? Write the negative of the sentence on the left.



She is working.

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He...



He is talking.

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She...



Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with the verbs in the present continuous.

1. John is not in the office today, he _____ (meet) customers.
2. I _____ (write) an email to my client.
3. They _____ (work) on a big contract.
4. Sue _____ (call) her boss.





Describe what is happening in the picture

Make sentences using the present continuous.





Describe what is happening in the picture

What are they doing?





Describe what is happening in the picture

What are they doing?





Describe what is happening in the picture

Are they eating? Are they drinking? What are they doing?





Describe what is happening in the picture

What are they doing? What are they saying?





Speaking practice

- It is 10am on a Monday and you are at work. Say 3 things you are doing.

Example: I am writing an email...

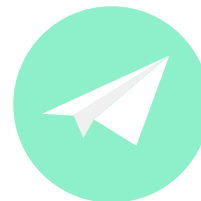


Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

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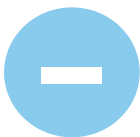
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Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise p.6

1. PC, 2. PS, 3. PS, 4. PC, 5. PC

Exercise p.7

I am writing. We are working. She is speaking.

Exercise p.8

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

Exercise p.11

1. eating, 2. food, 3. sitting, 4. is wine

Exercise p.12

1. C 2. A 3. D, 4. B

Exercise p.13

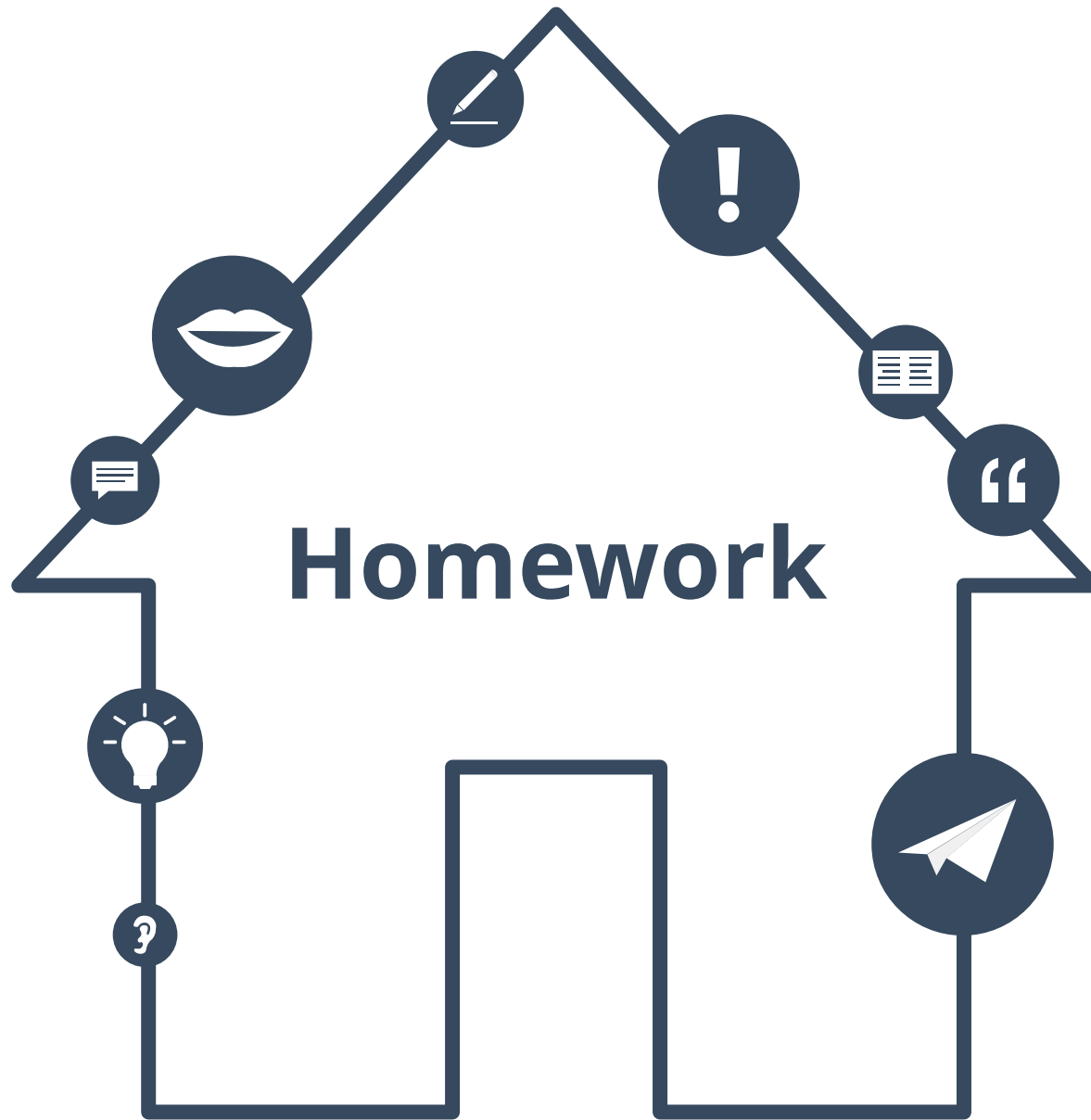
2. They are talking to their colleagues. 3. It is raining. 4. They are eating at work.

Exercise p.14

He is not working. She is not talking.

Exercise p.15

1. is meeting, 2. am writing, 3. are working, 4. is calling





Complete the sentence

1. I work...

a. am drinking water.

2. I am reading...

b. a report from my boss.

3. You are...

c. every day.

4. They...

d. learning English at work.

5. He...

e. are speaking the same language.

6. I...

f. is talking to his boss.

7. It...

g. is raining today.



Writing

It is 10am on a Monday morning. Write 5 sentences in the present continuous about what you are doing at work.

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Homework answer key

Exercise p. 26

1. C, 2. B, 3. D, 4. E, 5. F, 6. A, 7. G

