



# The present continuous: part l

**LEVEL**Beginner

NUMBER EN\_ A1\_1113G **LANGUAGE** 

English





## **Learning outcomes**

 I can form the present continuous correctly.

 I can determine in which context to use the present continuous.



We are speaking English and you are learning about the present tense!





## Present continuous in the singular

- The present continuous = to be + verb ending in -ing.
- Only the form of the verb *to be* changes.

Personal Pronoun	to be	verb + -ing
I	am	read <b>ing</b>
you	are	read <b>ing</b>
he	is	read <b>ing</b>
she	is	read <b>ing</b>
it	is	read <b>ing</b>





## **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.

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





# Present continuous or present simple?

		PRESENT CONTINUOUS	PRESENT SIMPLE
1	I am going to school today.		
2	You eat fruit for breakfast.		
3	I love to play football.		
4	They are eating vegetables.		
5	He is reading a book.		



# Match the pronoun to the correct verb

1 I...
2 She...
b am writing.
3 We...
c is going.



#### Finish the sentence

1 I...
a are reading a book.
b eating cookies.
3 You...
c is speaking English.
d am drinking coffee.





#### Two present tenses

- Now you know two present tenses: the present simple and the present continuous.
- We use the present continuous to talk about things that are happening right now.

Present Simple	Present Continuous	
l eat.	l am eating.	
You <b>walk</b> .	You <b>are walking.</b>	
He <b>drives</b> a car.	He <b>is driving</b> a car.	





# **Negative present continuous**

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

Positive	Negative	
I am walking.	I am <b>not</b> walking.	
She is reading a book.	She is <b>not</b> reading a book.	
They are learning.	They are <b>not</b> learning.	





#### **Spoken English**



She's eating a salad.

He isn't walking to work. He's driving.

In spoken English, we usually use **contractions**.

Can you say the sentences above using the full words?



#### What is the family doing?

1 They \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.

2 Lots of \_\_\_\_\_\_ is on the table.

**3** They are \_\_\_\_\_ around the table.

The little boy \_\_\_\_\_\_.

food
are eating
is smiling
sitting





# Match the sentence to the picture

1



2



**a** They are talking.

**b** She is smiling.

3



4



c It is raining.

**d** They are watching TV.





#### **Rewrite the sentences**



Rewrite the sentences using the present continuous. You can do this activity **in breakout rooms**. Check your answers with the teacher afterwards.

1	I read a good book.	>	I am reading a good book.
2	They cook dinner.	>	
3	It rains.	>	
4	They eat.	>	



Make sentences using the present continuous.







What is he doing? What is she doing?







What are they doing?







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





What are they drinking?

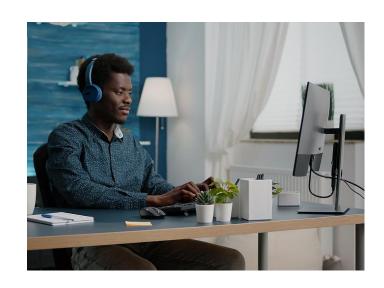






## **Speaking practice**

Describe three things you are doing right now using the present continuous!







#### Let's reflect!

Can I form the present continuous correctly?

 Can I determine in which context to use the present continuous?

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



#### **End of the lesson**

Idiom

#### To eat your words

**Meaning:** to admit that you are wrong about something

**Example:** She had to eat her words when I passed the exam.







# **Additional practice**



#### Match the sentences



1	I eat fruit

a am drinking tea.

2 I am reading...

**b** a book about dogs.

3 You are...

c every day.

4 They...

d learning French.

**5** He...

e are speaking the same language.

6 |...

is shopping for vegetables.

**7** It...

**g** is raining today.





#### Find the verbs



Find the verbs in this lesson and write them down.

Which are new? Do you know all of them?

Look these words up.

Verbs	

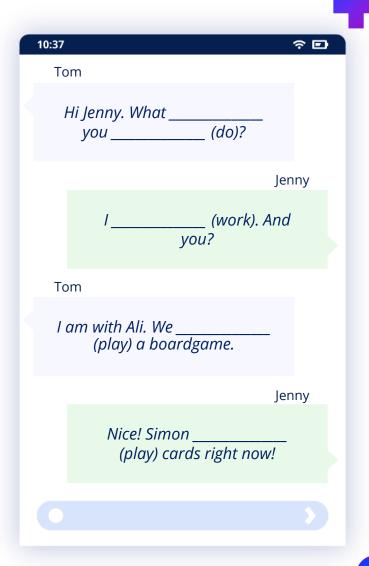




#### **Texting**

Fill in the gaps with the verbs in the present continuous. Don't forget to use the correct form of **to be**.

When you are done, write your own conversation between you and a friend.

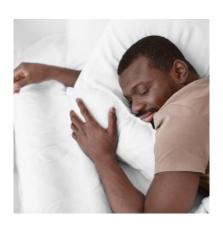




#### What are they doing?



Think about four of your friends or people in your family. What are they doing right now?











#### **Answer key**

- **P.6:** Present continuous: 1, 4, 6 Present simple: 2, 3
- **P.7:** I am writing; We are reading; She is going
- **P.8:** 1. d 2. c 3. a 4. b
- **P.11:** She is eating... He is not walking... He is driving
- **P.12:** 1. are eating 2. food 3. sitting 4. is smiling
- **P.13:** 1. b 2. c .3 a 4. d
- **P.14:** 1. I am reading... 2. They are cooking... 3. It is raining... 4. They are eating...



#### **Answer key**

#### P.24

I eat fruit every day.

I am reading a book about dogs.

You are learning French.

They are speaking the same language.

He is shopping for vegetables.

I am drinking tea.

It is raining today.

#### **P.26**

Hi Jenny. What are you doing?

I am working. And you?

I am with Ali. We are playing a boardgame.

Nice! Simon is playing cards right now!



#### **Summary**

#### Present continuous with singular and plural subjects:

- The present continuous is a combination of to be and another verb + ing
- Only the form of the verb **to be** changes.
- I am reading, he is reading, we are reading, they are reading

#### Use and negative of the present continuous:

- We use the present continuous to talk about things that are happening right now
- To make the present continuous negative, add not after the verb to be.
- I am not reading, we are not reading

#### **New verbs:**

to read, to learn, to speak, to smile, to sit





# **Vocabulary**

to speak

to learn

to read

to smile

to sit





#### **Notes**

