



Present continuous

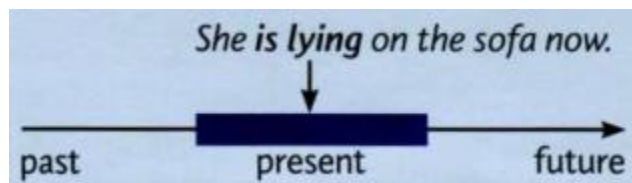
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Present continuous

1. The present continuous describes a temporary activity in progress at or around now.



I **am reading** this book at the moment.
 Mark **is speaking** on the phone.
 Are you **listening**.

2. Make present continuous statements with **am / is / are + -ing** form of the verb.

I **am watching** TV.
 Monica **is washing** her hair.
 We **are drinking** coffee.

3. Make negatives, questions and short forms like this:.

I **am not watching** TV.
 Is Monica **washing** her hair?

- **Are** they **drinking** coffee?
- Yes, **they are**.

statement ✓	negative ✗
I am ('m) working	I am not ('m not) working
You / We / They are ('re) working	You / We / They are not (aren't) working
He / She / It is ('s) working	He / She / It is not (isn't) working

question?	short answer
Am I working	Yes, I am . No, I am not ('m not) .
Are you / we / they working?	Yes, (you) are . No, (you) are not (aren't / 're not) .
Is he / she / it working?	Yes, (he) is . No, (he) is not (isn't / 's not) .

If a verb ends in **-e**, drop the **-e**.

dance → People **are dancing**. NOT ...dancing

If a verb ends in **one vowel** and **one consonant, double consonant**.

stop → The train **is stopping**. NOT ~~stoping~~

-ing form

most verbs	+ -ing	work – working
verbs ending -e ! except be is irregular	remove e + -ing	come – coming be – being
verbs ending -ee	+ -ing	see → seeing
verbs ending in vowel + b, g, m, n, p, t ! except if final syllable is not stressed	double consonant + -ing	get – getting visit – visiting
verbs ending -l ! North American English has one l	double l + ing	travel – travelling traveling
verbs ending in -ie	ie → y + ing	lie – lying