

Present Continuous

Present Continuous - Introduction

Present continuous is also called the present progressive.

It is often used to describe something that is happening *now*.

Verbs that refer to emotions or desires don't usually take the continuous form. (fear, love, hate ...)

Many languages do not have a continuous form.

Present Continuous - Usage

Present continuous is used for

- an action that is happening right now
- temporary situations
- future planned events
- describing annoying habits
- describing trends

Present Continuous - Formation

Positive:

subject + conjugated 'to be' + verb+ing

I am eating ice-cream.

Negative:

subject + conjugated 'to be' + not + verb+ing

We aren't eating ice-cream.

Question:

conjugated 'to be' + subject + verb+ing

Is she eating ice-cream?

Negative question:

conjugated 'to be' + subject + not + verb+ing

Isn't he eating ice-cream?

Present Continuous – Examples #1

an action that is happening right now

- You are learning about the present continuous.
- I am using the internet.

temporary situations

- He is working on a building site. (compare with simple present)
- It is raining.

future planned events

- We're going on holiday next week.
- I'm leaving early today.

Present Continuous – Examples #2

describing annoying habits

- He's always forgetting his phone!
- You're constantly complaining about my family!

describing trends

- Many people are becoming vegetarian.
- Heavy metal is making a comeback. \m/