

Present Continuous



The present continuous is used to talk about:

- 1. Actions happening at the moment of speaking.
- 2. Something happening around the present time.
- 3. Ongoing process of change.
- 4. Future arrangements.



Affirmative: Subject + Verb to be + Verb+ing

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I am eating now.

Negative: Subject + Verb to be + not + Verb+ing

He isn't studying there anymore.

Question: Verb to be + Subject + Verb+ing

Is Sandra still working in London?



More example sentences

Take care with the difference between the present simple and present continuous.

- 1. I eat breakfast. (Present Simple)
- 2. I am eating breakfast. (Present Continuous)

Sentence 1 describes something that **happens every day**, sentence 2 describes something that **is happening now**.

He is baking a cake at the moment.

Is Andrew still living in Glasgow?

His tooth decay is getting worse.

Next Tuesday he is starting a class with Intrepid English.

Present continuous practice





Fill in the gaps to make present continuous sentences.

Right now one of the funniest films I've ever seen.
James usually eats toast and marmite for breakfast, but he has run out of bread so today porridge with honey and dried fruit.
My favourite auntie, Monica, Archaeology at the University of Bath this coming year.
It at the moment, let's go for a quick run in the park.
That couple a huge argument in IKEA, it feels rude to listen in but I can't stop eavesdropping.
This is going to be the trip of a life time! I snorkelling and deep sea fishing.
They are in training for a hike up Mount Everest. This weekend they Ben Nevis in Scotland.
Look at how pale her face is, she well at all. She should go to bed.
Shhhh. Be quiet! The baby, he's been awake all night.
I'm sorry I can't hear what you, everyone is talking so loudly.

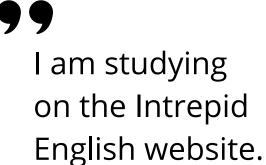
Present continuous practice





Think about your family, friends and colleagues. Write about what they are doing right now. If you don't know, imagine!

Try to write at least 5-10 sentences using a variety of different verbs,







My dad is cooking pasta for dinner.





My sister is reading a book in the living room.



Present continuous practice



Practice activity

Think about your future plans. What will you be doing tomorrow? Next week? In six months? Next year?

Try to write at least 5-10 sentences using a variety of different verbs,

I am meeting my friend for a catchup tomorrow night.



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We are going to our favourite pub.



My partner and I are travelling to Costa Rica next summer.



Answer page





Answers:

Right now I am watching one of the funniest films I've ever seen.

James usually eats toast and marmite for breakfast, but he has run out of bread so today **he is eating** porridge with honey and dried fruit.

My favourite auntie, Monica, **is studying** Archaeology at the University of Bath this coming year.

It **isn't raining** at the moment, let's go for a quick run in the park.

That couple **are having** a huge argument in IKEA, it feels rude to listen in but I can't stop eavesdropping.

This is going to be the trip of a life time! I **am going** snorkelling and deep sea fishing.

They are in training for a hike up Mount Everest. This weekend they **are climbing** Ben Nevis in Scotland.

Look at how pale her face is, she **isn't feeling** well at all. She should go to bed.

Shhhh. Be quiet! The baby **is sleeping**, he's been awake all night.

I'm sorry I can't hear what you **are saying**, everyone is talking so loudly.