

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

FORM

We form the present continuous with **Be + V-ing**

| AFFIRMATIVE | | |
|-------------|------------|---------|
| I | am | working |
| You | are | |
| He | is | |
| She | is | |
| It | is | |
| We | are | |
| You | are | |
| They | are | |

| NEGATIVE | | |
|----------|----------------|---------|
| I | am not | working |
| You | are not | |
| He | is not | |
| She | is not | |
| It | is not | |
| We | are not | |
| You | are not | |
| They | are not | |

Contractions:
I am = I'm
are = 're
is = 's

Contraction:
are not = aren't
is not = isn't

| INTERROGATIVE | | |
|---------------|------|-----------|
| Am | I | working ? |
| Are | you | |
| Is | he | |
| Is | she | |
| Is | it | |
| Are | we | |
| Are | you | |
| Are | they | |



| SHORT ANSWERS |
|-------------------------------|
| Yes. I am |
| Yes. He/she/it is |
| Yes. You/we/they are |
| No. I 'm not |
| No. He/she/it isn't |
| No. You/we/they aren't |

USE

We use the present continuous:

- To talk about things that are happening now, at the moment we speak.

A: What are you doing?

B: I 'm writing an e-mail.

We 're leaving now. Goodbye.

The bus is coming.

- To talk about things that are happening now, but not exactly at the moment we speak.

My brother is looking for a job at the moment.

You are spending a lot of money these days.

- To talk about something we have already arranged or planned to do in the future.

We often give the future time (tomorrow, in July, on Saturday, this afternoon, next week, etc...)

A: What are you doing on Saturday morning?

B: I 'm meeting a friend.

We 're visiting our grandparents next weekend.

My sister is starting a new job next Monday.

IMPORTANT

- Some verbs are not used in the present continuous. They are normally used in the simple forms. Some of the most important ones are:

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|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <i>like</i> | <i>know</i> | <i>love</i> | <i>hate</i> | <i>understand</i> |
| <i>believe</i> | <i>mean</i> | <i>remember</i> | <i>want</i> | <i>prefer</i> |

~~I am liking~~ tennis > I like tennis.

~~Are you knowing~~ Maria? > Do you know Maria?.

SPELLING RULES

- With most verbs we add **-ing**.

go > going
play > playing
work > working

- If the verb ends in **consonant + -e** we delete the **-e** and add **-ing**.

come > coming *live > living*
move > moving *have > having*

*Exception: *be > being*

- If the verb ends in **-ie**, we change **-ie** to **-ying**.

die > dying
lie > lying

- If the verb ends in **one vowel + one consonant**, we double the consonant.

get > getting
run > running
shop > shopping
sit > sitting
put > putting

*Exceptions:

- a) When the verb ends in **one vowel + -y, -w or -x**, we just add **-ing**.

play > playing
snow > snowing
mix > mixing

- b) When the last syllable verb is not stressed.

listen / 'lɪsən/ > listening
visit / 'vɪzɪt/ > visiting

*Exception: *travel / 'trævəl/ > travelling*