**Present Continuous**

**Form**

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

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**Contraction:**
- I am = I’m
- are = ’re
- is = ’s
- are not = aren’t
- is not = isn’t

**INTERROGATIVE**

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**SHORT ANSWERS**

- Yes. I am
- Yes. He/she/it is
- You/we/they are
- No. I’m not
- No. He/she/it isn’t
- 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:

like     know     love     hate     understand
believe     mean     remember     want     prefer

I am liking tennis > I like tennis.
Are you knowing Maria? > Do you know Maria?.
I am loving you > I love you.
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
  - move > moving
  - live > living
  - 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 /ˈlɪsən/ > listening
  - visit /ˈvɪsɪt/ > visiting

*Exception: travel /ˈtrævl/ > travelling