

# Unit(1)Present Continuous

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# overview

- The present continuous (also called present progressive) is a verb tense which is used to show that an ongoing action is happening now, either at the moment of speech or now in a larger sense. The present continuous can also be used to show that an action is going to take place in the near future.

# Present Continuous Forms

- The present continuous is formed using **am/is/are** + **present participle**. Questions are indicated by inverting the **subject and am/is/are**. Negatives are made with **not**.
- **Statement:** You are watching TV.
- **Question:** Are you watching TV?
- **Negative:** You are not watching TV.

# Present Continuous Uses

- USE 1 Now
  - Present continuous now

Use the present continuous with normal verbs to express the idea that something is happening now, at this very moment. It can also be used to show that something is not happening now.

# Examples:

- You are learning English now.
- You are not swimming now.
- Are you sleeping?
- I am sitting.
- I am not standing.
- Is he sitting or standing?
- They are reading their books.
- They are not watching television.

## USE 2 Longer Actions in Progress Now

- Present continuous longer duration

In English, "now" can mean: this second, today, this month, this year, this century, and so on. Sometimes, we use the present continuous to say that we are in the process of doing a longer action which is in progress; however, we might not be doing it at this exact second.

**Examples:** (All of these sentences can be said while eating dinner in a restaurant.)

- I am studying to become a doctor.
- I am not studying to become a dentist.
- I am reading the book Tom Sawyer.
- I am not reading any books right now.
- Are you working on any special projects at work?
- Aren't you teaching at the university now?

## USE 3 Near Future

- Present continuous near future
- Sometimes, speakers use the present continuous to indicate that something will or will not happen in the near future.
- Examples:
  - I am meeting some friends after work.
  - I am not going to the party tonight.
  - Is he visiting his parents next weekend?
  - Isn't he coming with us tonight?

## USE 4 Repetition and Irritation with "Always"

- Present continuous always habit
- The present continuous with words such as "always" or "constantly" expresses the idea that something irritating or shocking often happens. Notice that the meaning is like simple present, but with negative emotion. Remember to put the words "always" or "constantly" between "be" and "verb+ing."

# Examples:

- She is always coming to class late.
- He is constantly talking. I wish he would shut up.
- I don't like them because they are always complaining.

# Present Continuous Tips

- REMEMBER Non-Continuous Verbs / Mixed Verbs

It is important to remember that non-continuous verbs cannot be used in any continuous tenses. Also, certain non-continuous meanings for mixed verbs cannot be used in continuous tenses. Instead of using present continuous with these verbs, you must use simple present.

- She is loving this chocolate ice cream. **Not Correct**

- She loves this chocolate ice cream. **Correct**

# ADVERB PLACEMENT

- The examples below show the placement for grammar adverbs such as: always, only, never, ever, still, just, etc.
- Examples:
- You are still watching TV.
- Are you still watching TV?
- ACTIVE / PASSIVE
- Examples:
- Right now, Tom is writing the letter. **Active**
- Right now, the letter is being written by Tom. **Passive**