

Grammar Power 3

Verb Tense

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

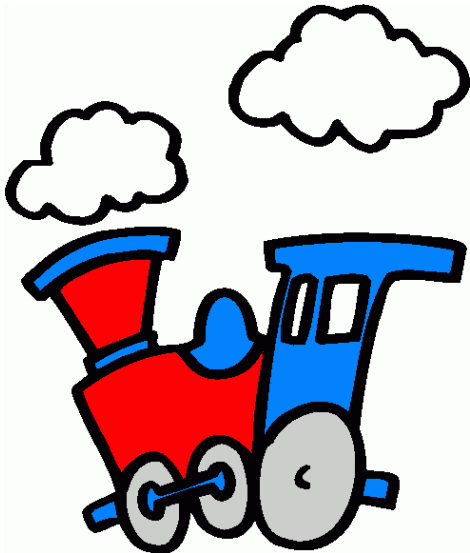
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What is the present continuous?

The present continuous indicates an action or activity that is in progress.

How do we form the present continuous?

To form the present continuous, use the auxiliary form of *to be* + the main verb + *ing*.



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Some keywords can indicate that the action is in progress...

- Now
- Right now
- Currently
- At the moment
- Presently



- Today
- Tonight
- This morning
- This week
- This month

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Specific rules

Short verbs ending in a single consonant preceded by a single vowel double the consonant.

hit → hitt**ing**

stop → stop**ping**

Verbs ending in **e** drop the **e** before adding **ing**.

make**e** → mak**ing**

Verbs ending in **ie** change the **ie** for **y** before adding **ing**.

di**ie** → dy**ing**

ti**ie** → ty**ing**



Affirmative Statements

Examples...

- 1- I **am watching** my favourite program now.
- 2- We **are reviewing** our grammar today.
- 3- Alex **is working** at his brother's garage right now.
- 4- Peter and Kate **are talking** about their weekend.
- 5- You **are learning** English now.
- 6- Mark **is playing** hockey at the moment.



The Negative Form

Examples...

- 1- I **am not doing** my homework now.
- 2- Mike **is not paying** attention to the game.
- 3- They **are not playing** hockey.
- 4- We **are not working** at the garage.
- 5- My mother **is not watching** her favourite program now.



Questions

Examples...

- 1- **Is** Paul **eating** popcorn?
- 2- Why **are** they **washing** the floor now?
- 3- **Is** she **looking** at me?
- 4- Who **is** **sitting** next to Clara?
- 5- **Am** I **fixing** the toaster?

