

Present Continuous

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We use the present continuous:

- a) for actions taking place now, at the moment of speaking.

He is giving the baby a bath at the moment.



- b) for temporary actions; that is actions that are going on around now, but not at the actual moment of speaking.

I'm looking for a new job these days.

(He is not looking for a job at the moment of speaking.)



- c) with adverbs such as: **always, constantly, continually, etc.** for actions which happen very often, usually to express annoyance, irritation or anger.

a) *I'm always meeting Sara when I go shopping.*
(action which happens very often)

b) *You're constantly interrupting me when I'm talking.* *(expressing annoyance/irritation)*



- d) for actions that we have already arranged to do in the near future, especially when the time and place have been decided.

They're moving into their new house next week. *(The time has been decided.)*



- e) for changing or developing situations.

More and more species are becoming extinct.

The present continuous is used with the following time expressions: *now, at the moment, at present, these days, still, nowadays, today, tonight, etc.*

Present Continuous (Progressive) Tense

Affirmative (Positive) Form			Negative Form				Question Form		
I	am	reading	I	am	not	reading	Am	I	reading?
You	are	reading	You	are	not	reading	Are	you	reading?
He	is	reading	He	is	not	reading	Is	he	reading?
She	is	reading	She	is	not	reading	Is	she	reading?
It	is	reading	It	is	not	reading	Is	it	reading?
We	are	reading	We	are	not	reading	Are	we	reading?
You	are	reading	You	are	not	reading	Are	you	reading?
They	are	reading	They	are	not	reading	Are	they	reading?

STATIVE VERBS IN ENGLISH

POSSESSION	SENSE	EMOTION	MENTAL STATE	OTHERS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have • Own • Possess • Pack • Consist • Involve • Include • Contain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound • Hear • Smell • See • Look • Taste • Touch • Feel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love • Like • Dislike • Hate • Adore • Prefer • Care • Mind • Want • Appreciate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need • Desire • Wish • Hope • Value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know • Believe • Doubt • Think • Suppose • Recognise • Forget • Remember • Imagine • Mean • Agree • Understand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disagree • Deny • Promise • Satisfy • Realise • Appear • Astonish • Please • Impress • Surprise • Concern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost • Measure • Weigh • Owe • Seem • Fit • Depend • Matter







Resources:

1. Grammarway 4 Jenny Dooley Virginia Evans International Edition, Espresso Publishing
2. <https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/grammar-exercises.html>

Present Continuous Positive and Negative Form 1

Make the present continuous.

1. (he / walk to school now)

2. (I / study at the moment)

3. (I / not / sleep)

4. (you / play badminton tonight)

5. (we / watch TV)

6. (she / not / work in Spain)

7. (he / not / wait for the bus)

8. (they / read)

9. (we / not / go to the cinema tonight)

10.(you / not / read the newspaper)

11.(she / eat chocolate)

12.(I / not / live in Paris)

13.(we / study French)

14.(they / not / leave now)

15.(they / live in London)



16.(he / work in a restaurant now)

17.(I / not / meet my father at four)

18.(she / not / drink tea now)

19.(she / play the guitar)

20.(we / cook)



Present Continuous Questions 1

Make present continuous questions (yes / no and 'wh-').

1. (what time / you / go to the cinema?)

2. (why / you / study?)

3. (when / you / leave?)

4. (you / smoke?)

5. (he / play / tennis later?)

6. (you / go / shopping at the weekend?)

7. (you / drink / wine)

8. (what / you / drink now?)

9. (what / you / think?)

10. (she / work / in an office at the moment?)

11. (they / study / Portuguese?)

12. (what time / she / come?)

13. (where / you / play tennis tonight?)

14. (you / meet / your friends on Friday?)



15. (you / read / now?)

16. (where / you / go now?)

17. (what / you / do?)

18. (she / live / in London?)

19. (they / study now?)

20. (you / eat / cake?)



Present Continuous Questions 2

Make the present continuous ('yes / no' or 'wh' questions).

1. (how long / you / stay in Paris?)

2. (you / drink / tea ?)

3. (where / you / stay?)

4. (why / you / watch TV now?)

5. (she / work in a bar?)

6. (what / he / do?)

7. (why / she / call her friend now?)

8. (I / lose weight?)

9. (we / work tomorrow?)

10. (when / you / arrive?)

11. (he / take dance classes?)

12. (she / stay in a hotel?)

13. (how much / he / eat?)

14. (how long / you / stay in China?)

15. (she / study in the library now?)



16. (you / come?)

17. (they / rent a car?)

18. (when / they / have a barbeque?)

19. (what / Julie / do tonight?)

20. (you / feel sleepy?)



Present Continuous All Forms Exercise 1

Make the present continuous. You can use the short form or the longer form. For example, 'she's' or 'she is'.

1. (she / go home now)

2. (I / read a great book)

3. (she / not / wash her hair)

4. (the cat / chase mice?)

5. (she / cry?)

6. (he / not / study Latin)

7. (we / drive to London?)

8. (they / watch TV?)

9. (where / she / go now?)

10. (I / not / leave now)

11. (you / not / run)

12. (why / he / leave?)

13. (how / I / travel?)

14. (it / not / rain)

15. (when / we / arrive?)



16. (where / they / stay?)

17. (it / rain)

18. (she / come at six)

19. (he / watch a film at the moment)

20. (we / not / sleep)



Present Continuous All Forms Exercise 2

Make the present continuous. You can use the short form or the longer form. For example, 'she's' or 'she is'.

1. (we / go to the cinema later)

2. (they / work now)

3. (you / not / walk)

4. (they / learn new things?)

5. (when / he / start work?)

6. (why / I / stay at home?)

7. (it / get dark?)

8. (we / not / win)

9. (they / not / bring a cake)

10. (the dog / not / play with a ball)

11. (why / it / rain now?)

12. (how / she / travel?)

13. (where / you / work?)

14. (what / we / watch?)

15. (you / meet your friend at four)



16. (I / take too much cake?)

17. (you / think?)

18. (we / study this evening)

19. (Lucy and Steve / play the piano)

20. (Sarah / not / tell a story)



Present Continuous All Forms Exercise 3

Make the present continuous. You can use the short form or the longer form. For example, 'she's' or 'she is'.

1. (I / be silly?)

2. (they / not / read)

3. (I / cook tonight)

4. (he / see the doctor tomorrow?)

5. (you / eat chocolate?)

6. (what / you / do?)

7. (we / make a mistake?)

8. (you / come tomorrow)

9. (it / snow)

10. (John / sleep at the moment)

11. (he / not / dance)

12. (how / they / get here?)

13. (when / it / start?)

14. (I / not / speak Chinese at the moment)

15. (Jill / drink tea now?)



16. (he / pay the bill at the moment?)

17. (I / stay with a friend for the weekend)

18. (when / John / arrive?)

19. (they / come to the party?)

20. (we / not / study)
