

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>

