

Affirmative form

Subject + am/is/are + present participle (Ving)

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I + am + watching TV.

He She + is + looking nice at this moment. It

We They + are + playing football. You
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Negative form

Subject + am/is/are + not + present participle (Ving)

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am + not + watching TV.
He
She + is + not + looking nice at this moment.
It
We
      + are + not + playing football.
They
You
```



Interrogative form

Is/are + subject + present participle (Ving)

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he
Is + she + looking nice at this moment?
it
```

```
we
Are + they + playing football?
you
```



PRESENT CONTINUOUS **Past** Present **Future**

The present continuous is used:

- to describe an action that is going on at this moment: You are using the Internet. You are studying English grammar.
- to describe an action that is going on during this period of time or a trend: Are you still working for the same company?
 More and more people are becoming vegetarian.
- to describe an action or event in the future, which has already been planned or prepared: We're going on holiday tomorrow. I'm meeting my boyfriend tonight. Are they visiting you next winter?
- to describe a temporary event or situation: He usually plays the drums, but he's playing bass guitar tonight. The weather forecast was good, but it's raining at the moment.
- with "always, forever, constantly", to describe and emphasise
 a continuing series of repeated actions: Harry and Sally are
 always arguing! You're constantly complaining about your
 mother-in-law!

Examples

You are learning English now.

What is he doing?

Why aren't you doing your homework?

I am studying to become a doctor.

Aren't you teaching at the university now?

We are not going to the party tonight.

Is he visiting his parents next weekend?

She is always coming to class late.

I don't like them because they are always complaining.



PRESENT CONTINUOUS

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.

· Examples:

She is loving this chocolate ice cream. Not Correct She loves this chocolate ice cream. Correct



Verbs that are not usually used in the continuous form

· Senses / Perception

to feel*

to hear

to see*

to smell

to taste

Opinion

to assume

to believe

to consider

to doubt

to feel (= to think)

to find (= to consider)

to suppose

to think*

Mental states

to forget

to imagine

to know

to mean

to notice

to recognise

to remember

to understand

Emotions / desires

to envy

to fear

to dislike

to hate

to hope

to like

to love

to mind

to prefer

to regret

to want

to wish

Measurement

to contain

to cost

to hold

to measure

to weigh

Others

to look (=resemble)

to seem

to be (in most cases)

to have (when it means "to possess")



ADVERB PLACEMENT

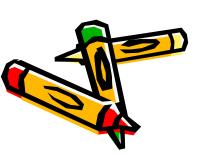
The examples below show the placement for grammar adverbs such as: always, only, never, ever, still, just, etc.

Examples:
 You are still watching TV.
 Are you still watching TV?



Passive Voice - Present Continuous Tense

Object of the active sentence + is/are/am + (not) + being + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence.



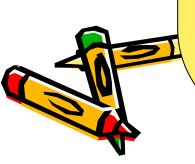
Examples

- Active: I am reading a story.
- · Passive: A story is being read by me.
- · Active: I am waiting for him.
- · Passive: He is being waited for by me.
- Active: She is not writing a story.
- Passive: A story is not being written by her.
- Active: Are the masons building a house?
- Passive: Is a house being built by the masons?
- Active: Who is waiting for you?
- Passive: By whom are you being waited for?
- · Active: Whom are you waiting for?
- Passive: Who is being waited for by you?
- · Active: Why is he not learning his lessons?
- · Passive: Why are his lessons not being learnt by him?
- Active: Whose father is helping you?
- Passive: By whose father are you being helped?



Test

- 1. What time _____ for dinner tonight? is Nick and Rosa coming Nick and Rosa are coming do Nick and Rosa come
- 2. I _____ in the car now.
 am waiting
 wait
 is waiting
- 3. Take your umbrella. It _____ cats and dogs.
 rained
 are raining
 is raining
- 4. My Dad _____ overtime this week. works are working is working



Test

- 5. I really ____ snakes after that case. am detesting detest
- 6. At the moment we ____ over the desert. have flying flied are flying
- 7. I _____ what you said.
 am thinking about
 am thinking
 think about
 think
- 8. Look! David and Max _____ home. come are coming have come



Thank you for your attantion

