



Present Continuous

Introduction to Present Continuous

- I am playing football.
- I'm playing football.
- I am not playing football.
- I'm not playing football.
- Am I playing football?
- Am I playing football now?
- Yes, I am.
- No, I'm not.
- Are you playing football?
- He is playing football.
- She is playing football.
- We are playing football.
- They are playing football.
- Is he playing football?
- Are we playing football?
- They aren't playing football.
- They are not playing football.
- He's playing football.
- She's playing football.
- We're playing football.
- They're playing football.
- I am playing football, aren't I?
- Am I playing football, am I not?

Present continuous: Form

- We form the present continuous with am/is/are + the -ing form of the verb.
 - I am writing a book.
 - She is listening to the radio.
 - They are doing their homework.
- The short forms of am/is/are are: 'm/'s/'re.
 - I'm writing a book.
 - She's listening to the radio.
 - They're doing their homework.
- The negative short forms of am not/is not/are not are: 'm not/Isn't/aren't.
 - I'm not writing a book.
 - She isn't listening to the radio.
 - They aren't doing their homework.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS – FORM

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POSITIVE		NEGATIVE	
I am	I'm	I am not	I'm not
You are	You're	You are not	You aren't
He is	He's	He is not	He isn't
She is	She's	She is not	She isn't
It is	It's	It is not	It isn't
We are	We're	We are not	We aren't
They are	They're	They are not	They aren't

working.

QUESTION		SHORT ANSWER	
Am I		Yes, I am	No, I am not
Are you		Yes, you are	No, you are not
Is he		Yes, he is	No, he is not
Is she		Yes, she is	No, she is not
Is it		Yes, it is	No, it is not
Are we		Yes, we are	No, we are not
Are they		Yes, they are	No, they are not

working?

-ING SPELLING

work	study	working
live <td>make<td>living</td></td>	make <td>living</td>	living
run <td>swim<td>running</td></td>	swim <td>running</td>	running

GENERAL RULE: add -ing

Consonant + -e : delete -e and add -ing

Consonant + vowel + consonant (stressed): double the consonant + -ing

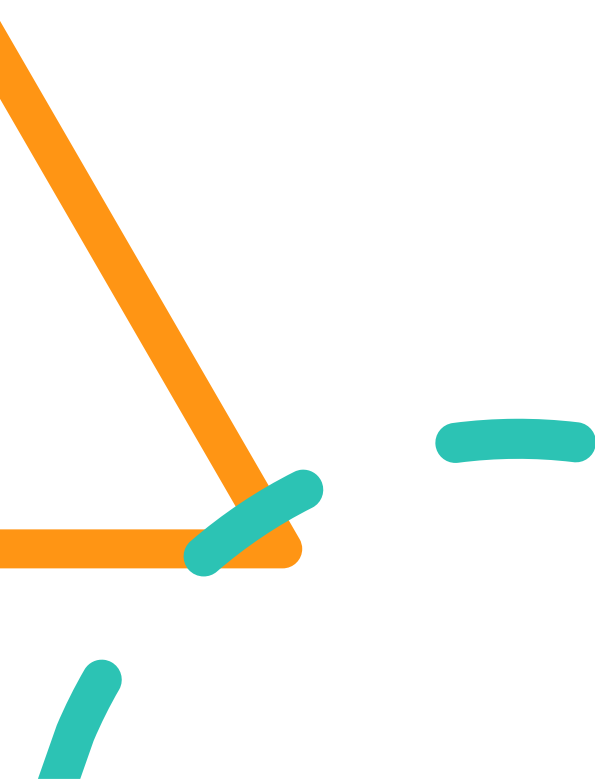
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Note on Short Forms in Answers

- Note that we can use short forms only in negative short answers, but not in positive short answers.
 - 'Are you writing a book?' 'No, I'm not/I am not.'
 - 'Are you writing a book?' 'Yes, I am.'
 - 'Are you writing a book?' 'Yes, I'm.' (Incorrect)

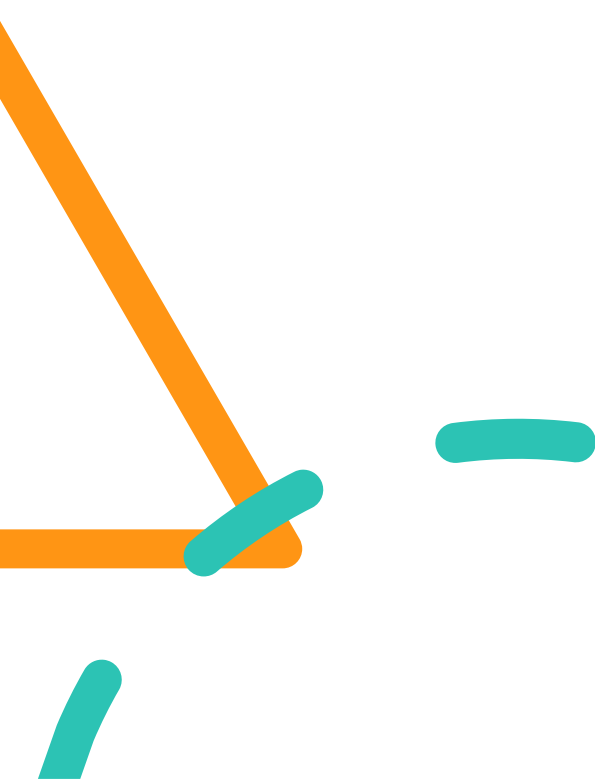


Actions Happening Now

- We use the present continuous for things happening now, at the moment of speaking.
 - 'What are you doing?' 'I'm watching TV.'
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Actions Happening Around Now

- We use the present continuous for temporary things that are happening around now (=not at the moment of speaking but these days, or weeks, etc.)
 - I'm reading a very good book at the moment. (=I'm not reading it at the moment I'm speaking, but I'm reading it these days.)
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Time Expressions

- Now, these days, at the moment, etc.
- We use the present continuous with time expressions that mean 'now' or 'around now':
 - now, at the moment, at present, today, these days, this week, etc.