

Present Tense

⇒ Present Continuous Tense

The present continuous tense is used to talk about **actions, events, or situations** that are **happening now**, at the **time of speaking**, or **around now**. It can also be used to talk about **temporary actions, ongoing actions**, and **planned future actions**.

⇒ To form the present continuous tense, use the auxiliary verb "**to be**" in the present tense (am, is, are) followed by the present participle of the main verb, which is formed by adding **-ing** to the base form of the verb.

Read the following sentences.

- I **am walking** to the park.
- You **are studying** English at the moment.
- He **is taking** a shower right now.
- She **is watching** a movie with her friends.
- It **is raining** heavily outside.
- We **are playing** cards at the moment.
- They **are cooking** dinner in the kitchen.



⇒ The present continuous tense can also be used to talk about actions that are **planned** or **arranged** for the **future**.

- I **am meeting** my friends for dinner **tonight**.
- They **are going** on a trip **next week**.
- She **is starting** her new job **next month**.



➡ The present continuous tense can be used to **express annoyance** or **irritation** with **someone's behavior**.

- 🗣️ You **are** always **interrupting** me!
- 🗣️ Why **are** you **constantly texting** during class?



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