



Present Continuous Tense

Definition:

The Present Continuous Tense describes an action that is happening at the moment of speaking or currently ongoing.

Structure of the Present Continuous Tense:

Subject + is/am/are + verb (base form + ing)

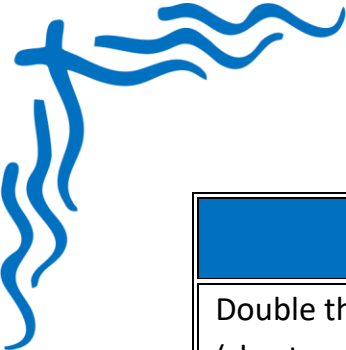
Subject Type	Helping Verb	Example
I	am	I am reading.
He/She/It/Singular	is	She is writing.
We/You/They/Plural	are	They are playing.

Usage of Present Continuous Tense:

- We use the present continuous tense to:
- Talk about actions happening right now:
- She is dancing.
- Talk about actions happening around this moment, even if not exactly at the moment of speaking:
- They are studying for their exams.
- Sometimes used to describe future plans (in informal speech):
- We are going to the zoo tomorrow.

Spelling Rules for '-ing' Form of Verbs:

Rule	Example
Just add -ing	eat → eating, read → reading
Verbs ending in -e : drop e and add -ing	rise → rising, dance → dancing



Rule	Example
Double the final consonant (short vowel before)	run → running, sit → sitting
For verbs ending in -ie , change ie → y	lie → lying, die → dying

Examples of Present Continuous Tense Sentences:

- I am writing a letter.
- He is eating an apple.
- They are watching TV.
- It is raining now.
- You are doing your homework.

Negative Form:

Subject + is/am/are + not + verb + ing

Examples:

- I am not reading.
- He is not working.
- They are not playing.

Interrogative Form (Questions):

Is/Am/Are + Subject + verb + ing?

Examples:

- Are you playing?
- Is she sleeping?
- Am I doing it right?

Activities and Practice Examples:

A. Add -ing to these base verbs:



- **Write:** writing
- **Run:** running
- **Like:** liking

B. Fill in the blanks using the present continuous form:

- She is singing a song.
- We are playing football.
- It is raining heavily.

C. Visual or paragraph-based identification:

Example passage asks students to encircle verbs in present continuous tense (e.g., is raining, is drawing, are visiting).

Key Points to Remember:

- Use is/am/are with the - ing form of the verb.
- Indicates actions happening now or ongoing.
- Helps in forming positive, negative, and question sentences.