

Present continuous: affirmative *I'm waiting.*

- Use the present continuous for actions happening at the moment.
*I **am sitting** in my car. She's **watching** television.*
- We form the present continuous with the present of *be* + verb + *ing*
*I **am watching** He **is watching***

<i>I am waiting.</i>	<i>He is waiting.</i>	<i>We are waiting.</i>
<i>I'm waiting.</i>	<i>He's waiting.</i>	<i>We're waiting.</i>
<i>You are waiting.</i>	<i>She is waiting.</i>	<i>They are waiting.</i>
<i>You're waiting.</i>	<i>She's waiting.</i>	<i>They're waiting.</i>
	<i>It is waiting.</i>	
	<i>It's waiting.</i>	

*I'm **studying** English. We're **swimming** in the sea.*
*My brother's **talking** on the telephone now.*
*Sue's **reading** a book at the moment.*

Spelling

- Verbs with two vowels and ending in one consonant, add *-ing*.
wait → waiting
- Verbs ending in *e*, drop *e* and add *-ing*.
make → making
decide → deciding
write → writing
- Verbs ending with one vowel and one consonant, double the consonant.
sit → sitting
swim → swimming
cut → cutting
- Verbs ending in *ie*, change *ie* to *y*.
lie → lying
tie → tying
die → dying
- Verbs ending in a vowel and *y*, add *-ing*.
stay → staying
play → playing
say → saying

GRAMMAR 4 PRESENT CONTINUOUS: AFFIRMATIVE

1 Look at the pictures and write sentences.



1 I / eat

I'm eating.



2 They / listen

.....



3 The teacher / come

.....



4 You / move

.....



5 It / rain

.....



6 We / sing

.....

2 Complete this postcard with the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Dear Jim,
 We (1) (have) *are having* a terrible
 holiday. It (2) (rain)
 I (3) (sit) in the apartment.
 I (4) (watch) television. Tom and
 Peter (5) (play) computer
 games. Alice (6) (read) a book.
 Susan (7) (make) a cup of coffee.
 The baby (8) (cry)
 I want to go home.
 See you soon,
 George

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GRAMMAR

Present continuous: negative *I'm not waiting.* and questions *Is he waiting?*

Negative

<i>I am not waiting.</i>	<i>He is not waiting.</i>	<i>We are not waiting.</i>
<i>I'm not waiting.</i>	<i>He isn't waiting.</i> <i>(He's not ...)</i>	<i>We aren't waiting.</i> <i>(We're not ...)</i>
<i>You are not waiting.</i>	<i>She is not waiting.</i>	<i>They are not waiting.</i>
<i>You aren't waiting.</i> <i>(You're not...)</i>	<i>She isn't waiting.</i> <i>(She's not ...)</i>	<i>They aren't waiting.</i> <i>(They're not ...)</i>
	<i>It is not waiting.</i>	
	<i>It isn't waiting.</i> <i>(It's not waiting.)</i>	

I'm not walking to school today.

I'm not drinking milk, *I'm drinking* cola.

They aren't playing football. *They're playing* rugby.

Questions

<i>Am I waiting?</i>	<i>Is he waiting?</i>	<i>Are we waiting?</i>
<i>Are you waiting?</i>	<i>Is she waiting?</i>	<i>Are they waiting?</i>
	<i>Is it waiting?</i>	

Are you waiting for me?

Are you reading? No, *I'm not reading.*

Wh- questions

What are you doing?

Where are you going?

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GRAMMAR 5 PRESENT CONTINUOUS: NEGATIVE AND QUESTIONS

1 Change the statements into questions.

- 1 I'm making a lot of noise. *Am I making a lot of noise?*
- 2 Clare is reading.
- 3 You are watching the news.
- 4 It is snowing.
- 5 We are waiting in the right place.
- 6 You are sitting here.
- 7 David is enjoying his holiday.
- 8 The bus is stopping.

2 Change the statements into negative sentences.

- 1 It is raining. *It isn't raining.*
- 2 Tim is studying.
- 3 We're talking.
- 4 You're listening to me.
- 5 Katherine is lying.
- 6 They are waiting for us.
- 7 Anna's having a good time.
- 8 I'm reading at the moment.

3 Correct each sentence or question. Use the correct present continuous form.

- 1 I playing tennis with my best friend.
I'm playing tennis with my best friend.
- 2 You're coming to the cinema tonight?
.....
- 3 John and Mandy don't going to the beach.
.....
- 4 Is Emma and Sam flying to America?
.....
- 5 'Where's Ann?' ' She is walk on the beach.'
.....
- 6 We not studying French at school this year.
.....
- 7 You have a good time?
.....
- 8 I aren't watching the TV. Turn it off.
.....
- 9 Fred are eating a sandwich for his lunch.
.....
- 10 Are waiting they for a bus?
.....

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GRAMMAR

Present continuous *I am watching* and present simple *I watch*

Present continuous

Use the present continuous to describe things that are happening at the moment.

*Jim **is watching** television at the moment.*

Present simple

Use the present simple to describe habits and routines.

- Things we do often, every day, every week, etc.
- Things that always happen.
*I **arrive** at school at 8.30.*
*The first lesson **starts** at 8.45.*
*The lesson **finishes** at 9.30.*
- We generally use these verbs with the present simple, not the present continuous:

<i>cost</i>	<i>This bike costs £200.</i>
<i>like</i>	<i>Anna likes rap music.</i>
<i>know</i>	<i>Do you know the answer?</i>
<i>understand</i>	<i>I don't understand this.</i>
<i>believe</i>	<i>Do you believe me?</i>
- Some verbs have one meaning in the present simple, but a different meaning in the present continuous.

<i>Do you have a bike?</i>	= Do you own a bike?	(in general)
<i>I'm having a great time!</i>	= It's a great party!	(at the moment)
<i>I think this film is great!</i>	= I like this film a lot.	(in general)
<i>Quiet! I'm thinking.</i>	= I'm doing a difficult exercise.	(at the moment)



*Joe **lives** in New York.* (New York is his home. He lives there all the time.)

*We **are living** near the station at the moment.* (We want to move to another house soon.)

1 Choose the best sentence for the situation.

- 1 A I'm in the bathroom! I wash my hair.
B I'm in the bathroom! I'm washing my hair. ✓
- 2 A This maths problem is difficult. Do you know the answer?
B This maths problem is difficult. Are you knowing the answer?
- 3 A Do you wait for the school bus? You're in the wrong place!
B Are you waiting for the school bus? You're in the wrong place!
- 4 A Look at that bike! It costs £350.
B Look at that bike! It is costing £350.
- 5 A Do you understand this exercise?
B Are you understanding this exercise?
- 6 A Sorry, I'm busy. I do my homework.
B Sorry, I'm busy. I'm doing my homework.

2 Complete each sentence. Use the words in brackets. Use present simple or present continuous.

- 1 Richard (always, get up) *always gets up* before 7.00.
- 2 Hurry up! The bus (wait) for us!
- 3 Where (we, go) ? This is the wrong road!
- 4 My friends (not believe) my story.
- 5 Please be quiet! I (read) a very interesting book.
- 6 (like, Susan) horror films?
- 7 Maria (usually, sit) at the front of the class.
- 8 Carlos can't talk to you at the moment. He (have) a shower.
- 9 Please wait for a moment, Jane. I (talk) to Susan.
- 10 This bike (cost) a lot of money.

3 Choose the most suitable word or phrase for each space.

- 1 'Someone ~~is~~ for you outside.' 'Who is it?'
A waits B is waiting C waiting
- 2 'What of this book?' 'I think it's fantastic!'
A do you think B is you think C you do think
- 3 in ghosts?
A Are you believe B Are you believing C Do you believe
- 4 Kate is busy. She for a test.
A is study B is studying C is studies
- 5 a great time at the moment!
A We are have B We're have C We're having
- 6 Tina usually at 7.00.
A get up B is getting up C gets up