



We use the present continuous for :

➔ Actions that are happening at the moment of speaking:

A: What **is** Soraya **doing** now?

B: She's **talking** on the phone with her boyfriend.

➔ Temporary states: *I'm studying English this term.*

Affirmative:

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| Subject | + | Auxiliary verb TO BE (am / is / are) | + | Verb (-ing form) | + | complement |
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- I am reading right now.
- Casildo is doing his homework at the moment.
- My parents are having dinner at a restaurant now.

Negative:

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| Subject | + | Auxiliary verb TO BE (am / is / are) | + | not | + | Verb (-ing form) | + | complement |
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- I am not doing anything right now.
- Chonita isn't studying French this term.
- My classmates aren't paying attention to the teacher right now.

Interrogative:

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| Auxiliary verb TO BE (am / is / are) | + | Subject | + | Verb (-ing form) | + | complement | + | ? |
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- Are we learning anything right now ?
Yes, we are. No we aren't/ no we're not.
- Is Pedrito playing in his bedroom now?
Yes, he is. No, he isn't / No, he's not.
- Am I telling you the truth?
Yes, you are. No, you aren't /No, you're not

★ **Formation of -ing**

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| Most verbs take -ing. <i>talk → talking</i> |
| Verbs ending in -e, drop the -e before the -ing. <i>come → coming</i> |
| Verbs with one syllable ending in one vowel + one consonant, double the consonant before the -ing. <i>stop → stopping</i> |
| Verbs with two or more syllables ending in one stressed vowel + one consonant, double the consonant before the -ing. <i>begin → beginning BUT answer → answering</i> |
| Verbs ending in a stressed syllable + -l, double the -l before the -ing. <i>propel → propelling BUT travel → traveling</i> |
| Verbs ending in -ie take -ying. <i>die → dying</i> |

TIME EXPRESSIONS

now, right now
today, these days

Task:

Write 3 examples of each of the tenses (9 sentences in total) using the present continuous:

- 3 affirmative sentences
- 3 negative sentences
- 3 interrogative sentences