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Teacher David presents:

PRESENT CONTINUOUS: A SIMPLIFIED GUIDE



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IT IS USED 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.



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IT IS USED FOR:

Temporary states:

- *I'm studying English this term.*
- *I am taking driving lessons these days.*



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Affirmative:

Subject + Auxiliary verb TO BE (am / is / are) + Verb (-ing form) + complement

- **I am reading right now.**
- **Casildo is doing his homework at the moment.**
- **My parents are having dinner at a restaurant now.**



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Negative:

Subject + **Auxiliary verb** + **not** + **Verb** + **complement**
TO BE
(am / is / are)
(-ing form)

- 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.



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Interrogative (1):

Auxiliary verb **TO BE** (am / is / are) + Subject + Verb (-ing form) + complement + ?

• 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



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Interrogative (2):

-WH + **Auxiliary** + **Subject** + **Verb** + **complement** + **?**
Question **verb** **(-ing form)**
word **TO BE**

Why are **you** **crying** **so much now?**

Because I failed the English exam.

Where is **Pedrito** **playing** **at the moment?**

He is playing in his bedroom

How am I **doing** **in my English course?**

You are doing well.



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★ Formation of *-ing*

Most verbs take *-ing*. *talk* → *talking*

Verbs ending in *-e*, drop the *-e* before the *-ing*.

come → *coming*

Verbs with one syllable ending in one vowel + one consonant, double the consonant before the *-ing*.

stop → *stopping*

Verbs with two or more syllables ending in one stressed vowel + one consonant, double the consonant before the *-ing*.

begin → *beginning* **BUT** *answer* → *answering*

Verbs ending in a stressed syllable + *-l*, double the *-l* before the *-ing*.

propel → *propelling* **BUT** *travel* → *traveling*

Verbs ending in *-ie* take *-ying*. *die* → *dying*



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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**



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