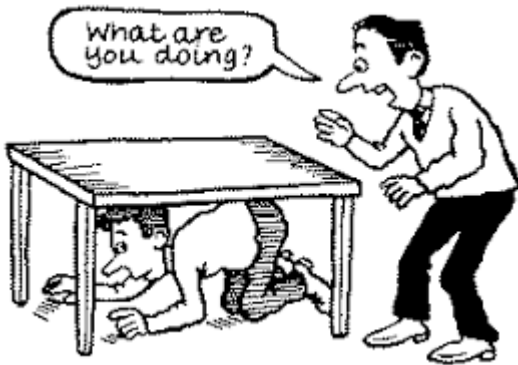


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**The Present Continuous tense is used to talk about actions and events happening now.**



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## Negative sentences in Present Continuous

To say we are not doing something at the moment in Present Continuous, we use:

**am/is/are + not + the '-ing' form of the verb**

Singular

Plural

*I am not sleeping*

*We aren't sleeping*

*You are not (aren't) sleeping*

*You aren't sleeping*

*He/she/it is not (isn't) sleeping*

*They aren't sleeping*

Note: The verb '**be**' (*am/is/are*) + **not** may be contracted.

- *I'm not watching TV.*

- *Jack isn't walking.*

- *We're not (We aren't) eating.*

Watch this video from Learn English Hamza Classroom to see more examples of Present

Continuous negative:

## Questions in Present Continuous

To ask questions in Present Continuous, we use:

**am/is/are + subject + '-ing' form of the verb**

### Yes/No questions

To create a question that will be answered with a 'yes' or 'no', use '**am**'/'**is**'/'**are**' (or '**isn't**'/'**aren't**' for a negative question) + '-ing' form of the verb.

Singular

Plural

**Am I working?**

**Are we working?**

**Are you working?**

**Are you working?**

**Is he/she/it working? Are they working?**

- **Is it raining** today?
- **Are you leaving** right now?
- **Is he driving?**

Note: We don't say 'Yes, I'm' to answer positive questions, we say 'Yes, I am.'  
We can say 'No, I'm not' or 'No, I am not' to answer negative questions:

- *Are you studying now?*  
- *Yes, I am (No, I'm not).*

- *Is Ben playing golf?*  
- *Yes, he is (No, he isn't).*

- *Are your friends staying at a hotel?*  
- *Yes, they are (No, they aren't).*

### Special questions

Special questions (also known as wh-questions) are questions that require more information in their answers. They are made using [wh- words](#) such as **what, where, when, why, which, who, how, how many, how much**.

To make a special question, use the same word order as with yes-no questions but put a wh-word before the verb 'am', 'is' or 'are'. The structure is:

**wh-word + am/is/are + [subject] + -ing verb**

- ***What are you doing?***
- ***When is he coming?***
- ***Why is she crying?***

Here's a good video from New Model for Learning English explaining how to make questions in Present Continuous:

Read more:

[Present Continuous: Statements](#)

[Present Continuous with Future Meaning](#)

[Present Simple or Present Continuous?](#)