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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 <u>wh-words</u> 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 whword 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?