

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Il **Present Continuous** si usa per esprimere un'azione presente quando si verifica una delle seguenti circostanze.

Circostanza	Esempio
1. Now: Il verbo esprime un'azione che si sta svolgendo nel momento in cui si parla	Che cosa <i>fai</i> ? <i>Scrivo</i> una lettera. (Sto scrivendo in questo momento)
2. Around now: Il verbo esprime un'azione che si svolge nel limitato periodo di tempo di cui si parla, anche se non necessariamente nel momento in cui si parla	Che cosa <i>fai</i> in questi giorni ? <i>Studio</i> inglese, perché fra un mese avrò l'esame. (Non sto studiando in questo momento, ma in questo periodo)
3. Future plan: Il verbo esprime un programma preciso per il futuro	<i>Partirò</i> domani alle 15.45.

COME SI COSTRUISCE

Il **Present Continuous**, come tutti i tempi progressivi, è un tempo composto. **Utilizza l'ausiliare *to be* al Simple Present** e la **forma in *-ing* del verbo** della frase.

Se il verbo deve essere messo in forma negativa o interrogativa, **si fa la forma negativa o interrogativa del verbo *to be***, mentre **il verbo nella *-ing* form** rimane **invariato** al suo posto.

Forma	Costruzione	Esempio
forma affermativa	soggetto + <i>to be</i> al Simple Present + verbo <i>-ing</i>	<i>I am writing a letter</i>
forma negativa	soggetto + <i>to be</i> al Simple Present + NOT + verbo <i>-ing</i>	<i>I am not writing a letter</i>
forma interrogativa	<i>to be</i> al Simple Present + soggetto + verbo <i>-ing</i>	<i>Are you writing a letter?</i>

Form Present Simple

HELPFUL HINTS

S + verb + object ...

I/we/they/you + like + tea.

He/she/it + likes + tea.

Use it
for ...

- * Facts.
- * Habitual actions.
- * Things that don't/won't change.
- * Describing yourself.

S + don't/doesn't + verb + object ...

I + don't + like + tea.

She + doesn't + like + tea.

Signal
words

Adverbs of frequency, like:

- * Often
- * Usually
- * Sometimes
- * Never

Do/Does + S + verb + object?

Do + you/we/they/I + like + tea?

Does + he/she/it + like + tea?

BUT REMEMBER



*** The verb 'to be' is different ***

I + am (Australian.)

He/she/it + is (clever.)

you/we/they + are (nice.)

Form Present Continuous

HELPFUL HINTS

I + am + verb(ing)

He/she/it + is + verb(ing)

They/we/you + are + verb(ing)

I am reading a book.

He/she/it is watching TV.

They/we/you are playing tennis.

Use it
for ...

- * Things happening NOW.
- * Temporary actions.
- * Things that will change.
- * Describing a current action.

I + am + not + verb(ing)

He/she/it + isn't + verb(ing)

They/we/you + aren't + verb(ing)

I am not reading a book.

He/she/it isn't watching TV.

They/we/you aren't playing tennis.

Signal
words

- * At the moment
- * Right now
- * Currently

Are + they/we/you + verb(ing)?

Is + he/she/it + verb(ing)?

Am + I + verb(ing)?

Am I reading a book?

Is he/she/it watching TV?

Are they/you/we playing tennis?

REMEMBER

Present Continuous can also be used for the future. We use it for things that we have made definite arrangements to do:

* 'I am having dinner with my friend tonight.'

* 'I am playing football with my team this weekend.'

Ecco di seguito una **MAPPA CONCETTUALE** per organizzare le idee e aiutarti a sintetizzare quanto presentato nelle pagine precedenti.

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PRESENT SIMPLE



Adesso guarda con attenzione il seguente video. Puoi guardarlo tutte le volte che ritieni necessario, finché non avrai ben compreso la differenza tra **PRESENT SIMPLE** e **PRESENT CONTINUOUS**.

- <https://youtu.be/VP8MRGAjgAs>

ESERCIZI: dopo che avrai ben studiato le regole e guardato il video, ora puoi metterti alla prova con seguenti schede. Falle un pò alla volta, a partire da questa settimana a quelle a seguire.

Buon lavoro!

What are they doing?

Complete the sentences using the verbs from the word bank in present continuous.



- 1 They are
- 2 It is
- 3 He is a truck.
- 4 He is
- 5 They are
- 6 She is
- 7 She is on the phone.
- 8 She is for silence.
- 9 She is the birds.
- 10 It is
- 11 He is a girl.
- 12 She is
- 13 He is the drums.
- 14 He is the trumpet.
- 15 He is
- 16 They are water.
- 17 He is
- 18 He is football.
- 19 She is a baby.
- 20 He is a photo.
- 21 She is with a teddy.
- 22 He is a rocking horse.
- 23 He is a hole.

Sing drink take dig talk mock play ask shout
sleep cradle ride swim feed drive fly cry run

Present Simple or Present Continuous?

VERB TENSES



Complete the sentences with the present simple or continuous of the verbs.



1. He usually _____ to work by bus.
2. Tess _____ on the phone now.
3. Peter and Gina _____ hip-hop.
4. Mr. Andrews _____ fast food.
5. Be quiet! The baby _____ in his bedroom.
6. Mary's daughter _____ in Boston at the moment
7. The film _____ outstanding! You should watch it!
8. My father _____ a documentary on TV.
9. I _____ working early in the morning.
10. They never _____ attention to my words.
11. The train _____ at half past seven.
12. I _____ now, my parents must be worried!
13. Water _____ at 0°C.
14. The water _____ on the cooker! Turn it off!
15. Harry sometimes _____ tennis at the club.
16. Betty _____ the flute now. She's rehearsing!
17. My students rarely _____ a word in English!
18. It rarely _____ in summer.
19. Look! It _____ cats and dogs! We can't go out now.
20. I never _____ before 7.30.
21. Are you sure this dress _____ me?
22. Susan usually _____ her homework in her bedroom.
23. The Earth _____ around the Sun.
24. They _____ difficulties at the moment.
25. Samuel always _____ his homework before dinner but today he _____ his Mum.
26. This week we _____ on a trip to London.
27. Mary _____ music and dancing.
28. We rarely _____ litter on the ground in London.
29. Alice _____ now _____ for you in the living room.
30. The phone always _____ when I _____ a bath.
31. John _____ an e-mail at the moment.
32. I _____ rainy days!
33. David _____ his hair every month.
34. Little Betty _____ her drawing right now.

go
talk
love
not like
sleep
study
be
watch
hate
pay
leave
leave
freeze
boil
play
play
say
rain
rain
get up
suit
do
go
have
do /
help
go
enjoy
see
wait
ring / take
write
detest
cut
cut

Present Simple or Present Continuous

Fill in the correct form of the verb:

1. My friend _____ in the pool every day.
2. They _____ a test at the moment.
3. Paul usually _____ computer games every day.
4. We never _____ to bed before 10 p.m.
5. Look! The dog _____ the cat over there.
6. Mary _____ for you in the café now.
7. Tom always _____ his car carefully.
8. I _____ a long poem at present.
9. Bill often _____ his tea cups.
10. Mona _____ a very beautiful landscape now.
11. Ben usually _____ to his work on foot.
12. Liz _____ her SMS right now.
13. They _____ coffee every day.
14. I often _____ my friends on the way to school.
15. We _____ football in the gym now.
16. Pam _____ her mother every day.
17. Sam often _____ his holidays in Spain.
18. Mrs. Bunks _____ astronomy at present.
19. We usually _____ German and French.
20. Tim _____ his new car now, he needs money.
21. They _____ e-mails every day.
22. I _____ at the shop window at the moment.
23. Bill often _____ his classmates at school.
24. My dad _____ to hang the picture on the wall now.
25. Helen _____ horror films every Sunday.
26. Look! The cat _____ the sausage now.
27. I always _____ attention to my health.
28. Whose phone _____ at the moment?
29. We usually _____ our homework at school.
30. Be quiet! Kate _____ now.
31. Nick always _____ buggy clothes.
32. Peter and Betty _____ the competition every year.
33. Look! The boy _____ the stone to the window.
34. The boys always _____ in the school yard.
35. Listen! Dave _____ a tender melody now.
36. Adam always _____ his keys.
37. Henry _____ to the gym every day.
38. John _____ a shower at the moment.
39. It often _____ in this district.



1. swim
2. write
3. play
4. go
5. chase
6. wait
7. drive
8. learn
9. break
10. draw
11. go
12. read
13. drink
14. meet
15. play
16. call
17. spend
18. teach
19. speak
20. sell
21. receive
22. stand
23. insult
24. try
25. watch
26. steal
27. pay
28. ring
29. do
30. sleep
31. wear
32. win
33. throw
34. run
35. sing
36. lose
37. go
38. have
39. rain