

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 fai?  Scrivo 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 fai in questi giorni?  Studio 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<br>affermativa   | soggetto + <i>to be</i> al<br>Simple Present +<br>verbo - <i>ing</i>       | <i>l am writing</i> a<br>letter  |
| forma negativa         | soggetto + <i>to be</i> al<br>Simple Present +<br>NOT + verbo - <i>ing</i> | I am not<br>writing a letter     |
| forma<br>interrogativa | to be al Simple Present + soggetto + verbo -ing                            | Are you<br>writing a letter<br>? |

## Present Simple

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S + verb + object ...

I/we/they/you + like + tea. He/she/it + likes + tea.



- 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 Hipfulling

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.

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.

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?



Things happening NOW.

Temporary actions.

\* Things that will change.

Describing a current action.



At the moment

Right now

Currently

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

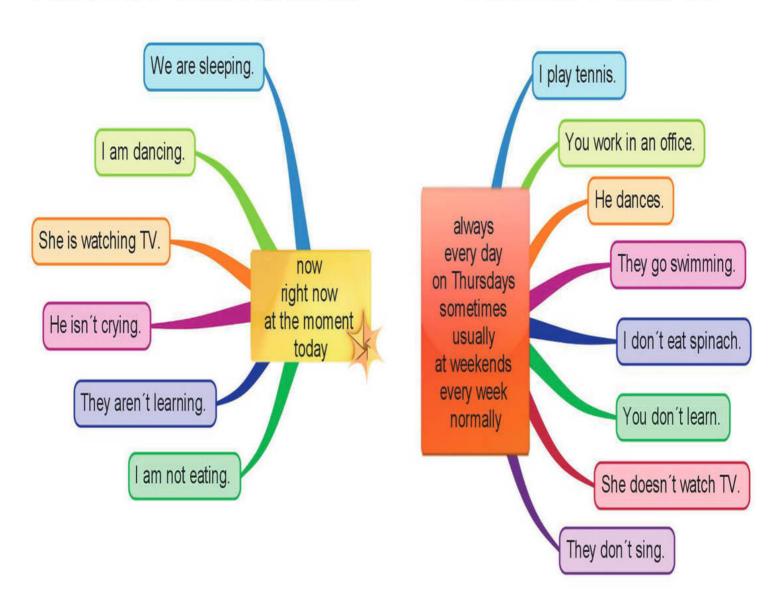
\* 'I am having dinner with my friend tonight.'

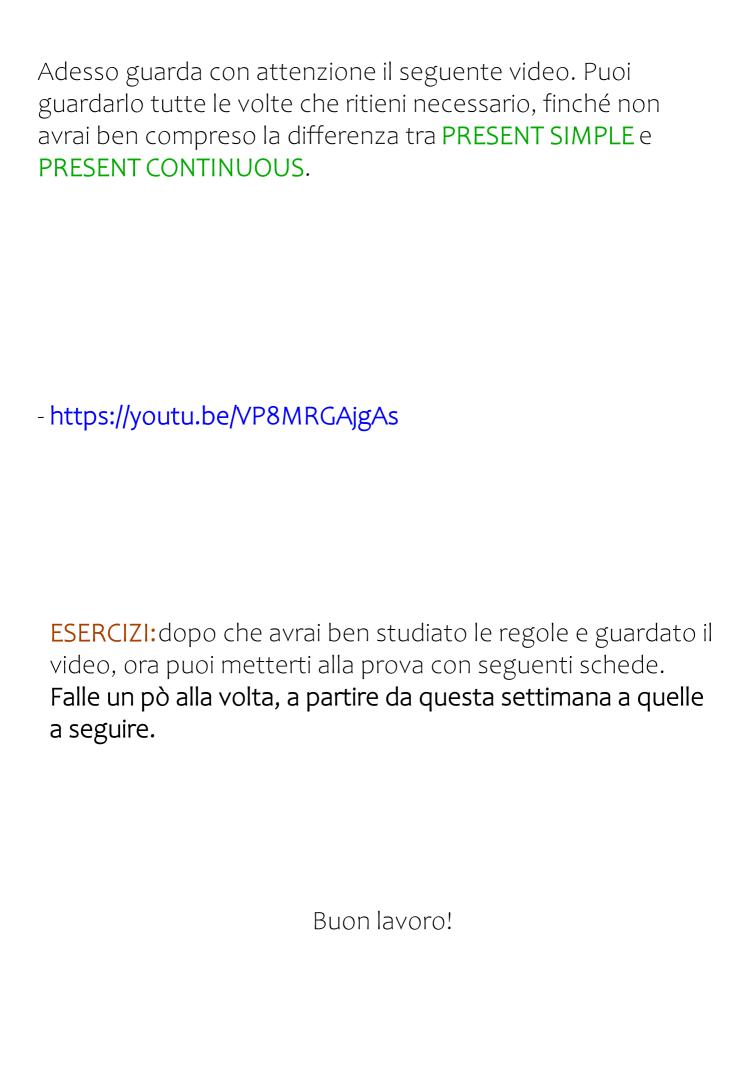
'I am playing football with my team this weekend.'

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

### PRESENT CONTINUOUS

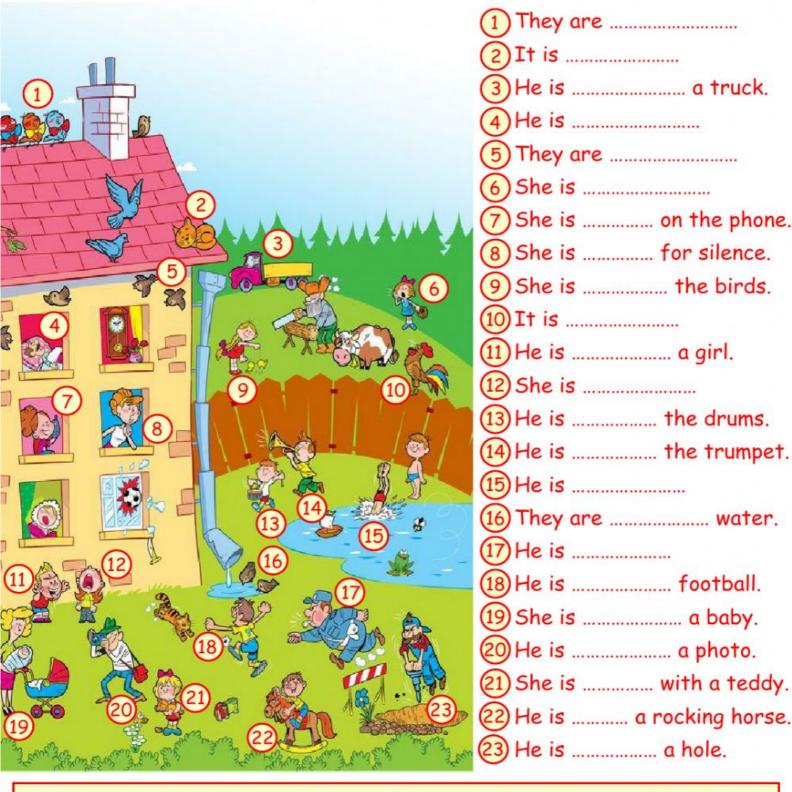
### PRESENT SIMPLE





# What are they doing?

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



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

### Present Simple or Present Continuous?



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

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









# Simple or \*\*\* Present Continuous

### Fill in the correct form of the verb:

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| 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.                   |
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