

Present Continuous



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How to use present continuous?

The present progressive, also known as the present continuous tense, is used to talk about actions that are in progress at the time of speaking and temporary actions.

We use the present progressive tense to describe:

actions that are taking place at the present moment

Example: Look! James is taking a picture of another tourist.

predetermined plans or appointments that have been made for the near future

Example: He is meeting his friend Brad tonight.

actions that are only happening temporarily

Example: James is travelling around Australia.

actions that are currently happening, but not at the moment of speaking

Example: He is staying at a youth hostel.

situations that are changing

Example: The town is becoming more and more popular because of its beautiful beaches.

The signal words for the present progressive are: at the moment, now, just now, right now etc.

To conjugate verbs in the present progressive we use the conjugated form of the auxiliary verb be. The main verb is conjugated in the -ing form or present participle, it is the same for all people.

Drag the correct verb into the right panel.

The cat _____ on the couch.

The boy _____ video games.

The plants _____ in the garden.

My little sister _____ loudly.

The dog _____ its tail.

The birds _____ in the sky.

The teacher _____ on the board.

The children _____ in the park.

is sleeping, are playing, is writing, is chasing, is playing, are flying, is singing, are growing

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Choose the correct answer.

1. Sarah _ with her toys.

☐ plays ☐ are playing ☐ is playing

2. The dog _ at the mailman.

☐ are barking ☐ barks ☐ is barking

3. The baby _ in her crib.

☐ are sleeping ☐ is sleeping ☐ sleeps

4. We _ to the park.

☐ walks ☐ are walk ☐ are walking

5. The birds _ in the trees.

☐ are chirping ☐ chirps ☐ are chirped

6. He _ a song in the shower.

☐ is singing ☐ sings ☐ are singing

7. The teacher _ on the board.

☐ are writing ☐ writes ☐ is writing

8. My mom _ a book in the living room.

☐ are reading ☐ reads ☐ is reading

Write the correct form of the verb into the right panel.

Tom _____ (to play) football in the park.

Lisa _____ (to read) a book under the tree.

The dog _____ (to run) after the ball in the yard.

I _____ (to dance) in my room.

My brother _____ (to play) video games with his friends.

The birds _____ (to sing) in the trees.

My mom _____ (to paint) a picture in her studio.

The kids _____ (to swim) in the pool.

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Bring the words into the right order.

his, is, with, He, playing, toys.

for, exam., She, studying, her, is

the, dog, park., The, running, is, in

are, We, reading, together., a, book

dancing, music., are, to, They, the

mountains., is, sun, setting, the, behind, The

are, and, children, games., laughing, playing, The

of, drawing, family., is, He, picture, a, his