

Present Continuous Tense

(Sub+ am/is/are(+ing) with root form of the verb.)

Present Continuous Tense expresses an action happening now.

An action in progress or happening now.

An action happening at the time of speaking and they still continue.

I am reading. (I read).

We are reading. (We read).

They are quarrelling.

She is writing a letter.

He is drinking coffee now.

It is raining outside.

I	am
He/ She/It	is
You, We, They	are

So we add ---- ing to the basic form of the verb.

read----- reading.

learn ----- learning.

If a verb ends in e(write) we must drop this e
writing, driving.

In case of some verbs, the last letter is doubled.

hit---- hitting. begin---- beginning.

quarrel---- quarrelling.

Words ending in ie change this ie to y.
die -dying ; lie - lying; tie - tying.

Where to use Present Continuous Tense.

We use Present Continuous Tense when
an action is going on now, or when an action
is in progress at the time of speaking.

We can say these actions are still continuing.

So we call this tense , Present Continuous Tense.

I am reading. He/ She is reading.

It is barking. You/ We /They are playing.

E Write down the -ing form of the following verbs:

1. break breaking
2. buy buying
3. come coming
4. cut cutting
5. die dying
6. fly flying
7. forget forgetting
8. lose losing
9. put putting
10. sit sitting
11. teach teaching
12. write writing

F Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the present continuous tense of the verbs given in the brackets:

1. They are buying furniture for their new flat. (buy)
2. She is running very fast. I am sure she will win the race. (run)
3. Sapna and Anu are sitting near the window. (sit)
4. I am looking up the meaning of some words in a dictionary. (look)
5. You are wearing a beautiful dress. Where did you buy it from? (wear)
6. She is discussing her problem with her father. (discuss)
7. It is raining heavily outside. (rain)
8. All the schools are taking precautions against the H1N1 flu. (take)

G Speak out these sentences using the present continuous tense. Add a word or phrase from those given below to each sentence. Leave out the words in the brackets: (for oral practice)

at this moment now today

[Example. I play chess with my father (every night).

I am playing chess with my father now.]

1. She washes her clothes (in the evening). is washing her clothes
2. My grandfather does some breathing exercises (every morning). at the moment
3. They repair the damaged roads (every year). today
4. The farmer ploughs the fields (regularly). now
5. The doctor examines the patients (in the morning). at the moment
6. My mother (often) helps me with my homework. now



(simple present)
I Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the present tense, simple present or present continuous:

1. They are praying to God now. (pray)
2. They usually pray to God before going to bed. (pray)
3. He usually drives the car slowly and carefully. (drive)
4. Today he is driving the car very fast. (drive)
5. Prashant is switching on the lights now. (switch)
6. We switch on the lights at 6 p.m. everyday. (switch)