VERBS (2)

Tenses (02) - Present Continuous (4)

The Present Continuous: in context

2 min

What is the present continuous or present progressive?



He *is relaxing*.



They *are planting* a tree.

The Present Continuous: Use and Formation

8 min

When do we use the present continuous?

| Now | I am reading my English book. |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Now - long actions | She <i>isstudying</i> to become a doctor. |
| Near future | We <i>are going</i> to a concert tonight. |
| Repetition, judgment, irritation | He <i>is</i> always <i>talking</i> . |

How do we form the present continuous?

Verb: to work

| Affirmative form 🗸 | Negative form 💢 | Questions ? |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| I am working | I am not working | Am I working? |
| he/she/it <i>is working</i> | he/she/it <i>is not working</i> | Is he/she/it working? |
| you/we/they are working | you/we/they are not working | Are you/we/they working? |

Examples:

The boy is playing video games.

We are not listening to the radio.

*Are*you*going*to the park this afternoon?

Yes, we are going to the park this afternoon. = Yes, we are.

No, we are not going to the park this afternoon. = No, we are not.

When we speak, we use contractions. A contraction is two words put together.

Example:

I'm = I am

isn't = is not

aren't = are not

're not = are not

Language Tip on Verbs Rarely used in the Present Continuous 5 min

Some verbs are rarely used in the present continuous, such as:

- abstract verbs: to be, to know, to understand, to want, to need, etc.
- possession verbs: to possess, to own
- emotion verbs: to like, to dislike, to love, to hate, etc.

Writing Exercise

5 min

Complete with the present continuous in the affirmative form.

| Josh and Sam | their | homework. (to do) |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2. We | _ a presentation f | for tomorrow. (to prepare) |
| 3. I | a cake for Monda | y. (to bake) |
| 4. You | _ a book. (toread) |) |
| 5. Listen! The baby_ | (to | o cry) |
| 6. They | in the ocean. (⁻ | to swim) |
| 7. Hurry up! I | for you. | (to wait) |
| 8. The door is closed | d, because she | her lesson. (to learn) |
| 9. I am not sure if t | hey | _ to the conference tomorrow. (to go) |
| 10. He | _ a big sandwich. | (to eat) |
| Writing Exercise | | |
| 5 min | | |
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Complete with the present continuous in the negative form.

| 1. Some children | to the teacher. (to listen) |
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| 2. My manager | to me. (to talk) |
| 3. The boy | on his geography book. (to draw) |
| 4 The customer | the promotion (to look at) |

| 5. I the movie. (to watch) | |
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| 6. The students during the lesson. (to dream) | |
| 7. Wetheir offer. (to consider) | |
| 8. It today. (to rain) | |
| 9. She to the conference. (to go) | |
| 10. They their time. (to take) | |
| Writing Exercise | |
| 5 min | |
| Write questions. | |
| Example: Dave is playing the piano. Is Dave playing the piano? | |
| 1. You are looking for an apartment. | |
| 2. They are trying to find their way. | |
| 3. Franck is driving too fast. | |
| 4. She is drinking water. | |
| 5. I am going in the right direction. | |
| 6. We are calling the wrong number. | |
| 7. Her supervisor is always screaming. | |
| 8. You are visiting your friends in Louisiana. | |
| 9. It is snowing today. | |
| 10. Sharon and Kate are reading the map. | |
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Speaking Exercise with the Instructor 5 min

Listen to your teacher's questions. Then, answer.

Example: Are you listening to the radio now? No, I am not (listening to the radio).

- 1. Are you learning English?
- 2. Are you looking at your computer?
- 3. Am I speaking too fast?
- 4. Is it raining today?
- 5. Is a colleague listening to this conversation?

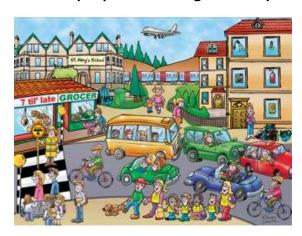
Speaking Exercise with the Instructor 5 min

Ask your teacher 3 questions.

| 1. Are you | | |
|------------|---|--|
| 2. Is it | ? | |
| 3. | ? | |

Speaking Exercise with the Instructor 5 min

Tell your teacher what the people are doing in this picture.



Watch the Video! 10 min

With this video, you will practice the present continuous. It is a slide show with questions at the end.

Watch the video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rQqdSagoOU&feature=related

Watch the video again and give the answers to the questions at the end of the video:

| . She / cook: |
|--------------------------|
| 2. She / take a bath: |
| 3. What / she / do / ?: |
| ł. She / dance: |
| 5. What / she / do / ?: |
| 5. She / drink water: |
| 7. What / they / do / ?: |
| 3. They / eat: |
| 9. What / he / do / ?: |
| 0. He / read: |

Quiz

10 min

True or False?

| 1. I use the present continuous to speak about repeated actions. | true | false |
|---|------|-------|
| 2. I use the present continuous to speak about my daily routine. | true | false |
| 3. I use the present continuous to speak about what is happening now. | true | false |
| 4. I use the present continuous to speak about my current project. | true | false |

What verbs in this list are rarely used in the present continuous?

to want, to go, to like, to take, to see, to know, to own, to buy, to need

What is a correct answer to the question: Are you going to the party?

- a. Yes, I will.
- b. Yes, I am.
- c. Yes, I am going to.
- d. Yes, I do.

Choose the correct answer:

| 1. The Australian team _ | against the Russian team. (playing / is |
|--------------------------|--|
| playing) | |
| 2. Americans | Independence Day this weekend. (is celebrating / |
| are celebrating) | |
| 3 | _ they preparing the meeting? (Are / Do) |
| 4. We | our teeth. (are'nt brushing / aren't brushing) |
| 5. I | in the shower. (am singing / am sing) |
| 6. She | her vacation. (aren't enjoying / is enjoying) |