

Past

Present

Future

Beginner

Present Continuous Tense

1. We use the Present Continuous Tense to talk about activities happening now.

Format: Am/is/are (not) + verb-ing = present continuous tense

Examples

*The kids **are watching** TV.*

*I **am sitting down**, because I am tired.*

*I **am not learning** German, because this is an English class.*

*Who **are you writing** to?*

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*we **aren't working** hard these days.*

3. The Present Continuous Tense is also used to talk about activities happening in the near future, especially for planned future events.

Examples

*I **am seeing** my dentist on Wednesday.*

*Ikeda **is coming** for dinner tomorrow.*

***Are you doing** anything tonight?*

*We **aren't going** on holiday next week.*

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EXERCISES

Choose the correct verb to complete the sentences:

eat have lie play sit wait

Example: She _____ an apple.

Answer: She is/She's eating an apple.

1. He _____ for a bus.
2. They _____ football.
3. He _____ on the floor.
4. They _____ breakfast.

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2. 'Where's John?' 'He's in the kitchen. He _____.'
3. 'You _____ on my foot!' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
4. Look! Somebody _____ in the river.
5. We're here on holiday. We _____ at the Central Hotel.
6. 'Where's Ann?' 'She _____ a shower.'
7. They _____ a new theatre in the city centre at the moment.
8. I _____ now. Goodbye.