

Present Continuous / Progressive - Form

THE FORMS OF PRESENT CONTINUOUS / PROGRESSIVE

Affirmative: (am/is/are) + [VERB + ing]

Examples:

- I **am watching** TV now.
- You **are practicing** English at the moment.
- He **is working** at the office right now.
- She **is playing** volleyball.
- It's **raining** today.
- We **are looking** for a new apartment.
- You're **studying** mathematics.
- They're **thinking** about buying a house.

Negative: (am/is/are) + not + [VERB + ing]

Examples:

- I'm **not reading** the newspaper right now.
- He's **not writing** a letter.
- It's **not snowing** today.
- They **are not doing** their homework.

Interrogative: (am/is/are) + SUBJECT + [VERB + ing]

Examples:

- **Are you going** to the hospital? Yes, I am / No I'm not.
- **Is he working** today? Yes, he is / No, he isn't.
- **Isn't she coming** to the dinner? Yes, she is / No, she is not.
- **Is the computer working?** Yes, it is / No, it's not.
- **Are they coming?** Yes, they are / No, they are not.

You can add a **question word** (what, where, who, why, etc.) before the verb to be (**am, is, or are**) to ask for more information.

Examples:

- **What** are you doing? I'm eating chocolate.
- **Where** is Santiago going? He's going to the supermarket.
- **Who** are playing chess? Brian and Richard.
- **Why** is she crying? She fell down from her bicycle.

Spelling rules for [VERB + ing]

Here are the spelling rules:

<p>Most verbs Add -ing</p>	<p>cook – cooking eat – eating do – doing speak - speaking start - starting</p>
<p>Verbs ending in: “-e” (except: -ee and -ie) Drop the -e and add -ing</p>	<p>dance - dancing hope – hoping make – making ride – riding take - taking write - writing</p>
<p>Verbs endings in: “-ee” Add -ing</p>	<p>agree – agreeing see - seeing</p>
<p>Verbs endings in: “-ie” Change -ie to -y and add -ing</p>	<p>die – dying lie - lying</p>
<p>One-syllable verbs endings in: consonant + vowel + consonant Double final consonant + -ing</p>	<p>jog – jogging run – running sit - sitting stop - stopping</p> <p><i>Do not double one-syllable verbs endings in: -w, -x or -y:</i> snow – snowing mix - mixing play – playing</p>
<p>Two or more syllables verbs endings in: consonant + vowel + consonant Double final consonant + -ing (only if the last syllable is stressed)</p>	<p>admit - admitting begin - beginning prefer - preferring</p> <p>travel – travelling(UK) traveling (US) marvel – marvelling(UK) marveling (US)</p> <p><i>Do not double if the last syllable is not stressed</i> <u>happen</u> – happening <u>offer</u> - offering <u>suffer</u> - suffering <u>visit</u> – visiting</p>