



The Present Continuous Tense Formation, Uses, and Examples

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definition

- ➡ The present continuous tense describes actions happening right now or ongoing actions.
- ➡ • **Example:** "She is reading a book."

Formation of Present Continuous

- • **Structure:**

- **Subject (singular or He, She, It)+ is+ verb(-ing)**

- **Subject (plural or they, you, we)+are+ verb(-ing)**

- **Subject (I) + am+ verb(-ing)**

- • **Examples:**

I am studying.

You are playing.



More examples

They are watching TV.

Children are going to school.

It is raining now.

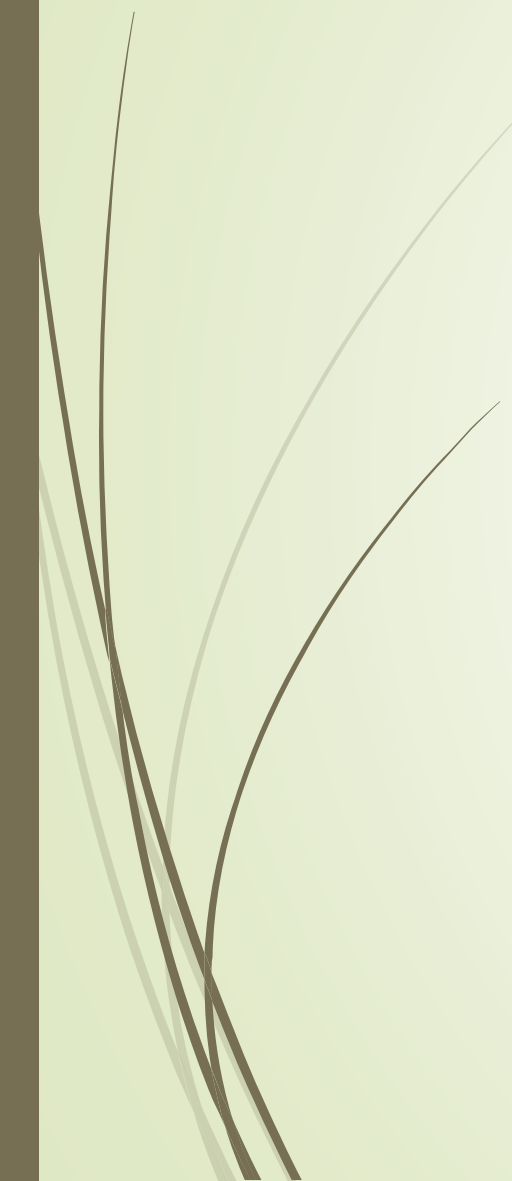
I am cooking pasta for lunch.

Miss Peters is teaching the class.





Uses of Present Continuous

- 1. **Actions happening now:**
 - He is cooking dinner.
 - The boys are playing in the park.
 - The baby is crying out loud.
 - 2. **Ongoing actions:**
 - I am learning Spanish.
 - John is writing a novel.
 - 3. **Future plans:**
 - We are meeting them tomorrow.
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Common Time Expressions

- • now, right now, at the moment, currently

They are having dinner right now.

I am feeling much better now.

He is driving a new car at the moment.

I am currently working on finishing my MA thesis.



Negative Form

- **Structure:** Subject + is/am/are + not + verb(-ing)
- **Examples:**
 - o I am not going.
 - o She is not playing.
 - o They are not watching.






Questions in Present Continuous

- • **Structure:** Is/Am/Are + subject + verb(-ing)?
- • **Examples:**
 - o Are you coming?
 - o Is he working?
 - o What are they doing?



Spelling of the verbs


- 1-To make a continuous verb just add -ing to the base verb
 - do = doing
 - ask = asking
 - call = calling
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- 2-when the verb ends with a silent (e) drop the (e)
and add -ing
 - Make= making
 - Take = taking
 - Come = coming



One-syllable verb

- 3- one-syllable verb that ends with a consonant+ vowel+ consonant (CVC) we must double the last consonant and add -ing.
- Swim= swimming
- Run= running



W, X, and Y

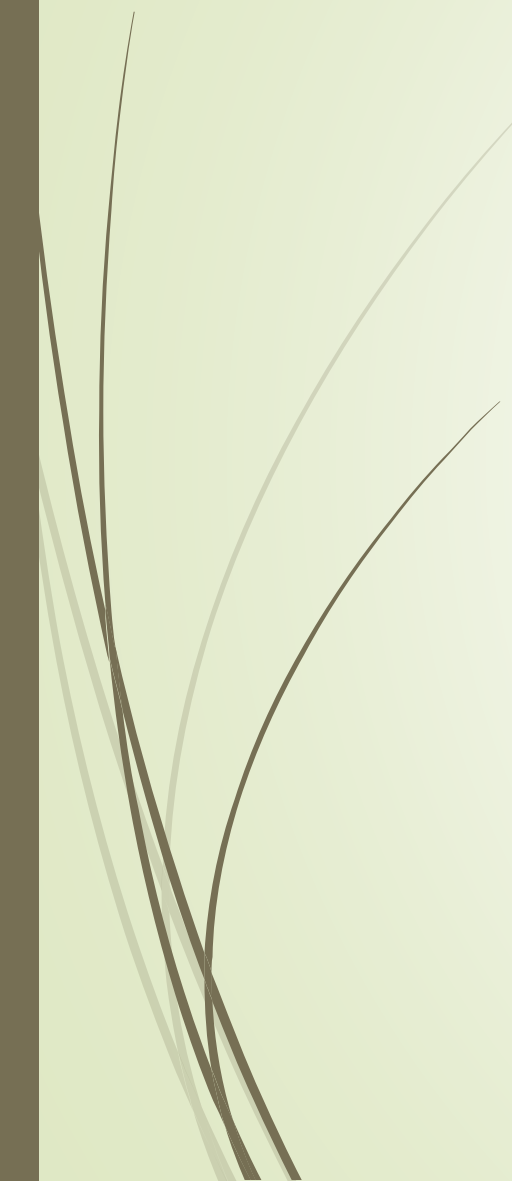
- 4- when the verb ends with w, x, and y we don't double the last consonant and add -ing
- Study= studying
- Enjoy= enjoying
- Fix= fixing
- Index= indexing
- Borrow= borrowing
- Blow = blowing

Two-syllables verbs

- 5- When the verb ends with two -syllables or more and ends with a consonant+ vowel+ consonant (CVC) we must double the last consonant and add -ing if the last syllable is stressed and adding -ing only if the last syllable is not stressed
- The last syllable is stressed
 - Commit= committing
 - Submit= submitting
- The last syllable is not stressed
 - Whisper= whispering
 - expect= expecting
 - Offer= offering



ie verbs

- ➡ 6- for verbs that end in -ie we change the -ie to -y and add -ing.
 - ➡ Die= dying
 - ➡ Lie= lying
 - ➡ Tie= tying
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Wish you all the best

