

Lesson Two: Present Continuous

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The Present Continuous

1. When do we use the present continuous?

- We use the present continuous to talk about an action that is happening now. For example: I am talking on the phone.
- We also use it to talk about arranged plans in the future for example: I am meeting a friend next Monday.

Note that some verbs cannot be used in the present continuous form. These verbs are:

To like - To Know - To Love - To Hate - To Understand - To Believe - To Mean - To Want - To Prefer

Example: ~~I am knowing~~ this information - I know this information

2. The Form of the present continuous:

- Structure: to be (in the present simple) + verb+ ing . For example: I am cooking right now

Affirmative			Negative		
I	am	Working	I	Am not	Working
You	are		You	Are not	
He	is		He	Is not	
She	is		She	Is not	
It	is		It	Is not	
We	are		We	Are not	
You	Are		You	Are not	
They	Are		They	Are not	

Contractions: I am - I'm

You are - You're

It is - It's

Are not- aren't

Is not - isn't

Interrogative form			Short Answers		
Am	I	Working?	Yes. I am		
Are	You		Yes He/She/It is		
Is	He		Working		
Is	She		Yes you/we/they are		
Is	It		No. I'm not		
Are	We		No. She/he/it isn't		
Are	You		Working		
Are	They		No. We/You/they aren't.		

3.Activity:

1.She is reading a book right now. → _____

2.I am meeting my friend tomorrow. → _____

3.They are playing football at the moment. → _____

4.We are having an exam next week. → _____

5.He is watching TV now. → _____

6. I am visiting my grandmother this weekend. → _____