

The Present Continuous Tense



A grammar lesson with exercises

for beginners

Suitable for kids and adults



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A little boy **is playing** tennis now.

He **is playing** tennis now.



What is the Present Continuous Tense?

We use the **present continuous tense** when we talk about something that is happening **now or around the time of speaking.**

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now
right now
today



What are **you doing** now?



*I **am eating** ice cream now.*



*I **am going** home now.*



*I **am brushing** teeth right now.*

The Present Continuous Tense

Read:

The present continuous is made from the **present tense** of the verb **to be** and the **-ing form** of a verb:

Please be quiet. The children **are sleeping**.

to be

-is

-am

-are

are sleeping



Write: Please copy the sentences in your book

The Present Continuous Tense

Read:

The present continuous is made from the **present tense of the verb** and the **-ing form** of a verb:

Sara is at home. She **is eating** pizza now.



is eating

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The Present Continuous Tense

Read:

The present continuous is made from the **present tense** of the verb **to be** and the **-ing form** of a verb:

am, is, are - reading

SINGULAR - one

I **am** reading a book.

You **are** reading a book.

She **is** reading a book.

He **is** reading a book.

It **is** reading a book.



PLURAL - many

We **are** reading a book.

You **are** reading a book.

They **are** reading a book.



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Read:

What **are** the children **doing**?

*They **are writing** in their exercise books now.
The children **are doing** their homework.*

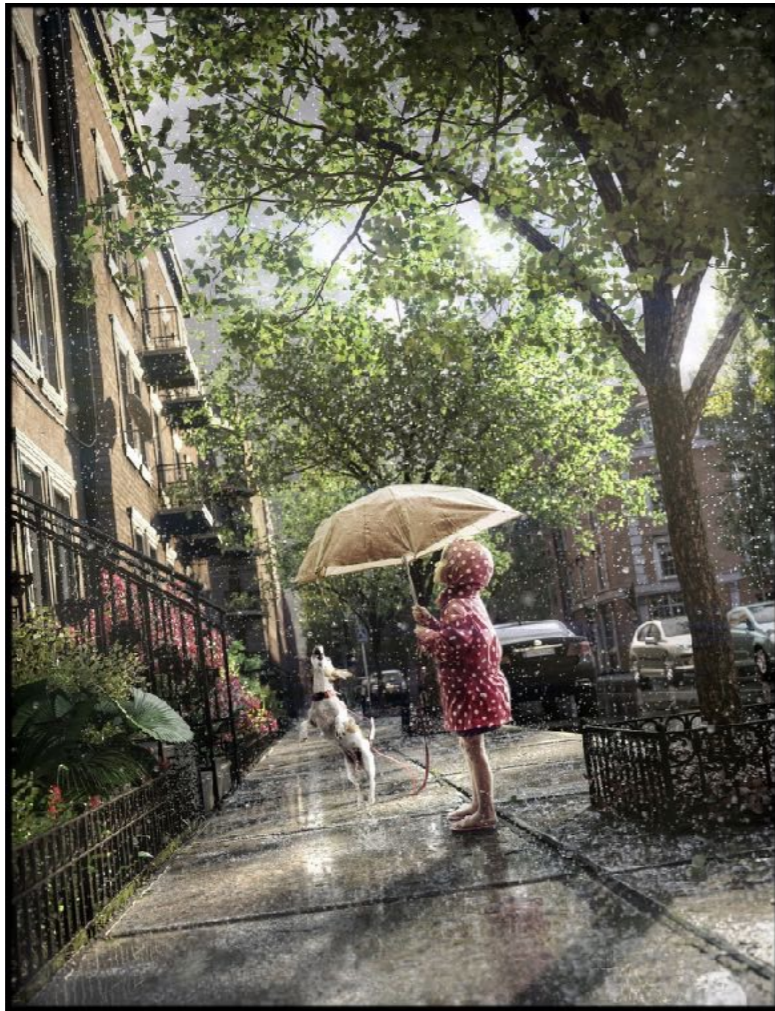


are writing
are doing

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Read: **Is it raining? Is the sun shining?**



Yes, it is raining.
No, the sun is not shining.

Contractions

it is = it's
is not = isn't

It's raining.
The sun isn't shining.

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Read:

Two girls *are singing*.

Three kookaburras *are laughing*.



to sing - singing
to laugh - laughing

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It's a test!

Answer the questions and write them in your book:

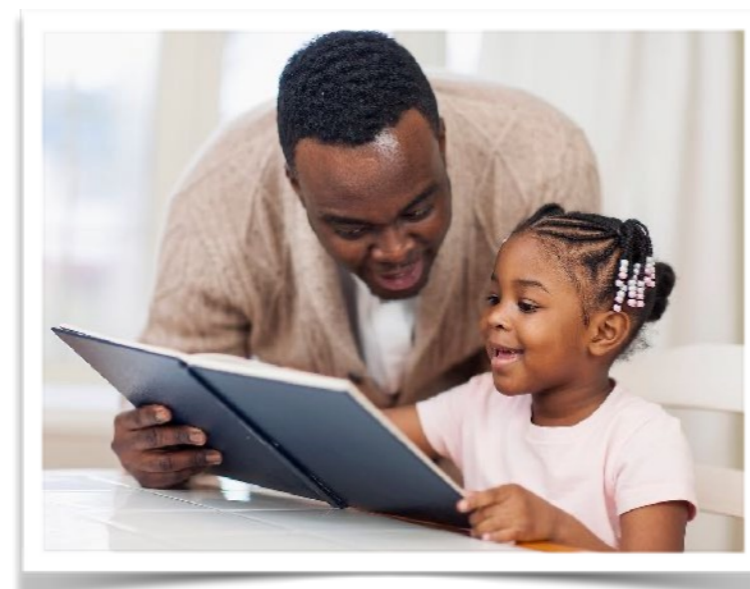
1. What *is* he *doing*?

He



2. What *are* they *doing*?

They



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3. What *is* she *doing*?

She



4. What *are* they *eating*?

They



5. What *is* this lady *doing*?

She

