

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

IS USED ...

a) to describe an action that is happening: NOW, AT THE MOMENT of speaking
ex. **What are you doing now?**

b) to describe planned and arranged actions in the future, 100% future, an arranged future, ex. **We are having a party in the evening.**

c) to talk about temporary actions which are not necessarily happening at the moment of speaking ex. **I'm reading an interesting book at the moment** (it doesn't necessarily mean you're holding a book in your hands at the moment)

d) with the verb 'to be' to talk about someone's behavior but not to express someone's personality, ex. **You're being so mean today!** (It doesn't mean you're a mean person in general and everyday, but only today)

WHEN?

e) with the adverb of frequency 'ALWAYS' to talk about actions that annoy you:
ex. **She's always complaining!** (She complains too much)

f) with some non-action verbs when the focus is on the action and not on the state: ex. **I'm loving this party.** (the emotion is HERE and NOW) but I love my wife (the emotion is ALWAYS there).

the same goes with verbs like: like, hate, hope, expect, appreciate, anticipate, assume, consider, feel, find, imagine, realize, think, understand, ache, hear, cost, look, to be,)

SUBJECT	"TO BE"	VERB +ING	"TO BE"	SUBJECT	VERB +ING	SUBJECT	TO BE IN A NEGATIVE FORM	VERB+ING
I	AM	GOING	AM	I	GOING?	I	AM NOT	GOING
YOU	ARE	GOING	ARE	YOU	GOING?	YOU	ARE NOT	GOING
HE/SH E/IT	IS	GOING	IS	HE/ SHE/IT	GOING?	HE/ SHE/IT	IS NOT	GOING
WE /YOU/ THEY	ARE	GOING	ARE	WE/ YOU/ THEY	GOING?	WE/ YOU/ THEY	ARE NOT	GOING

HOW?

WRITE IT!

1. WRITE SHORT ANSWERS.

- a) Is she tidying up her room? YES,
- b) Are they trying to help me? YES,
- c) Is he looking at me? NO,
- d) Are you saying I'm wrong? NO,
- e) Am I talking too loudly? YES,
- f) Is she feeling better now? NO,

2. WRITE SENTENCES.

- a) She/watch her favourite film on TV (?) *Is she watching her favourite film on TV?*
- b) They/take a shower (?)
- c) He/look for his glasses (+)
- d) I/ wait for you (-)
- e) You/talk on the phone (?)
- f) Your sister/try to convince me to go with you (+)
- g) Her parents/ have dinner now (-)

3. WRITE QUESTIONS

- a) Natalie is going **to a restaurant** tonight. WHERE is Natalie going tonight?
- b) Mark is reading **the newspaper**.
- c) She is wearing **a red dress**
- d) Mandy is leaving **at nine**
- e) Sandy is looking **for Phil**.

4. PRESENT SIMPLE OR PRESENT CONTINUOUS?

- a)
Jess) What (you, do) ?
Philip) I (try) to do my homework. The teacher always(give) us so much of it that I never (have) time to do other things.

- b)
Chris) Can you turn the music down. I (talk) on the phone and I can't hear anything.
Lisa) Who (you/talk) to ?
Chris) I (talk) to our grandmother.
Lisa) That's strange. She usually at weekends. Is she OK?
Chris) She's fine.

- c)
Kevin) What (you,do)
Jane) I'm an actress.
Kevin) Are you? (you,play) in any films at the moment?
Jane) Unfortunately not yet.

- d)
Joanne)still..... (you,wait) for the bus?
Jack) Yes, I am. I'm really annoyed.
Joanne) What timeusually..... (it,arrive)?
Jack) It usually (arrive) at 6. It's half an hour late today.

SAY IT!

Write down four names of members of your family and create similar dialogues with your classmate.

LISA	sister
JOHN	brother
JONATHAN	son
LAURA	friend



What is Lisa doing now?

She's working now.

What is your sister Lisa doing tonight?

She's staying home.

Are you reading an article at the moment?

No, I'm not. I'm learning English.



you / read an article / at the moment?
your friend / work now?
you / go out / tonight?/ this weekend?
your cousin/ visiting you next week?

What is he/she doing in this picture?

He's

What do you think? Who is he talking?

He's

