



Present Continuous Tense Interactive Worksheet

Answers

In order to complete this worksheet, you should watch the series of grammar videos about the present continuous tense in English. You should complete this worksheet at the same time as watching the videos.

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Video: Present Continuous Use

Complete the table below. In column 1, you should write the situation when the present continuous tense can be used. In column 2, you should write an example sentence and in column 3, you should write any additional notes provided in the video. The first situation has been given.

Situation	Example Sentence	Additional Notes
Right now	I am speaking	At the same time as speaking
Process	I'm studying to become a teacher	Temporary action over a long period of time
Future Events	My mum is visiting me on Saturday	Pre-planned event
Before and After	At 7am, I'm normally having a shower	Regular event at a specific time
Change in State	The children are growing up so quickly	Change from past to present



Video: Present Continuous Present Participle

EXERCISE A: Write down four situations when the present participle is used.

- 1) Continuous tenses
 - 2) As an adjective
 - 3) Verb formation
 - 4) To express a verb as a noun
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EXERCISE B: What is the general rule for forming the present participle? Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences below.

The general rule for forming the present participle is to add the letters **ING** to the end of the infinitive verb. For example, the verb to *drink* becomes **drinking** in the present participle and the verb to eat becomes **eating** in the present participle.

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EXERCISE C: Fill in the table below to summarise the patterns and exceptions to the CVC rule. In column 1, you can see the pattern. In column 2, you should write an explanation describing what happens with this pattern and in column 3, you should write an example verb to demonstrate this pattern.

Pattern	Explanation	Example Verb
CVC General Rule	When the last three letters are CVC, we double the last consonant then add ING	swim
Ending in W	Only add ING	draw
Ending in Y	Only add ING	play
Stress is on First Syllable	Only add ING	visit

EXERCISE D: What is the E rule for forming the present participle? Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences below.

If a verb ends in the letter E, we must eliminate the letter E, then add ING to form the present participle. For example, the verb to drive becomes driving in the present participle. However, if the last two letters are EE, then we don't eliminate the E, we simply add ING to the end of the verb. For example, see becomes seeing.

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EXERCISE E: What is the IE rule for forming the present participle? Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences below.

If a verb ends in the letters IE, we must eliminate the letters IE, then add Y and ING. For example, the verb to die becomes dying in the present participle.

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EXERCISE F: What is the C rule for forming the present participle? Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences below.

If a verb ends in the letter C, we must add K and ING. For example, the verb to picnic becomes picnicking in the present participle.



Video: Present Continuous Affirmative

EXERCISE A: There are 3 parts required to form the present continuous tense in the affirmative. Write these parts in the correct boxes below.

PART 1 Subject	PART 2 Verb To Be (Affirmative)	PART 3 Present Participle
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EXERCISE B: Fill in the table below showing the verb “to travel” in the affirmative of the present continuous tense. In column 1, you can see the subject. In column 2, you should write the full form of the present continuous. In column 3, you should write the contracted form of the present continuous.

TO TRAVEL	Full Form	Contracted Form
I	am travelling	I'm travelling
You	are travelling	You're travelling
He/She/It	is travelling	He's/ She's/ It's travelling
We	are travelling	We're travelling
They	are travelling	They're travelling

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EXERCISE C: Fill in the gaps to complete the sentence.

The acronym we use to help us remember the present continuous tense is SuBEP.



Video: Present Continuous Negative

EXERCISE A: There are 3 parts required to form the present continuous tense in the negative. Write these parts in the correct boxes below.

PART 1

Subject

PART 2

Verb To Be
(Negative)

PART 3

Present Participle

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EXERCISE B: Fill in the table below showing the verb “to read” in the negative of the present continuous tense. In column 1, you can see the subject. In column 2, you should write the full form of the present continuous. In column 3, you should write the contracted form of the present continuous.

TO READ	Full Form	Contracted Form
I	am not reading	I'm not reading
You	are not reading	You aren't reading
He/She/It	is not reading	He/She/It isn't reading
We	are not reading	We aren't reading
They	are not reading	They are reading



Video: Present Continuous Questions

EXERCISE A: There are 2 question forms in the present continuous tense. You can see the acronyms below. What does each part of the acronym stand for? Write this in the spaces provided.



Qu: **Question Word**
BE: **Verb To Be (Affirmative)**
Su: **Subject**
P: **Present Participle**

BE: **Verb To Be (Affirmative)**
Su: **Subject**
P: **Present Participle**



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EXERCISE B: Write a question in the space below in the present continuous tense.

? **Are you reading?**

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EXERCISE C: Is the following statement true or false? Select the correct option.

We can use contractions in question forms in English.

TRUE

FALSE



Video: Present Continuous Short Response

EXERCISE A: If I ask the question “are you learning?” there are two possible ways to respond. Fill in the gaps below to show the possible responses.

Yes	Subject	Verb To Be
	I	am
	you	are
	he/she/It	is
	we	are
	they	are

No	Subject	Verb To Be
	I	am not (I'm not)
	you	are not (aren't)
	he/she/It	is not (isn't)
	we	are not (aren't)
	they	are not (aren't)

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EXERCISE B: Is the following statement true or false? Select the correct option.

You can contract both the affirmative and negative forms in the short responses of the present continuous tense.

TRUE

FALSE



Video: Present Continuous Keywords

EXERCISE A: Below is a set of words, including a keyword. Write this sentence in the correct order in the space provided.

is	always	he	complaining
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CORRECT ORDER: He is always complaining.

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EXERCISE B: Below is a set of questions, including a keyword. Write this sentence in the correct order in the space provided. In this case, there are two possible answers.

learning	we	this year	are	English
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CORRECT ORDER: This year, we are learning English.

CORRECT ORDER: We are learning English this year.



Video: Present Continuous Common Mistakes

EXERCISE A: Below is a set of incorrect sentences. Identify the mistake and write this in the space provided, then rewrite this sentence correctly in the second space provided.

1) I'm loving it

MISTAKE: Stative verbs cannot be used in the continuous form.

CORRECTION: I love it.

2) Where they waiting for you?

MISTAKE: Questions in the present continuous require the verb to be.

CORRECTION: Where are they waiting for you?

3) I dancing.

MISTAKE: Affirmative and negative forms of the present continuous require the verb to be.

CORRECTION: I am dancing.

4) You still are watching TV.

MISTAKE: The keyword still goes in between the verb to be and the present participle.

CORRECTION: You are still watching TV.