



Present Continuous Tense

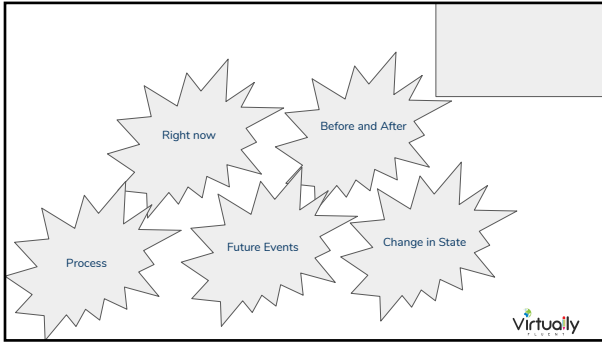
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Present Continuous Use

Present continuous tense





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Right now

I am speaking

I am teaching you

I am learning the present continuous tense

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Process

I'm studying to become a teacher

I am learning English

I am watching the TV series Friends

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Future Events

My mum is visiting
me on Saturday

We're having a
party next weekend

I'm getting married
in summer

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Before and After

At 7am, I'm
normally having a
shower

I'm usually
watching TV when
my husband arrives
home

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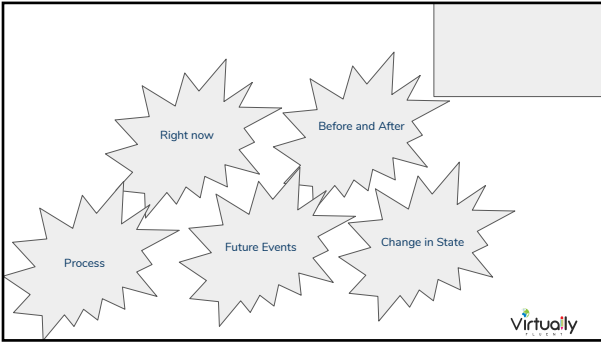
Change in State

The children are growing up so
quickly

People are using emails instead
of writing letters

We are consuming more
electricity nowadays

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Present Continuous Affirmative


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SUBJECT

I
you
he
she
it
we
they







VERB

TO BE

I	am
you	are
he	is
she	is
it	is
we	are
they	are






PRESENT

PARTICIPLE

I	am	reading
you	are	reading
he	is	reading
she	is	reading
it	is	reading
we	are	reading
they	are	reading



Subject	verb to BE	Present participle
I	am	reading
you	are	reading
he	is	reading
she	is	reading
it	is	reading
we	are	reading
they	are	reading



Travel



Subject	verb to BE	Present participle
I	am	travelling
you	are	travelling
he	is	travelling
she	is	travelling
it	is	travelling
we	are	travelling
they	are	travelling



Subject	verb to BE	Present participle
I	am	travelling
you	are	travelling
he	is	travelling
she	is	travelling
it	is	travelling
we	are	travelling
they	are	travelling

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Subject + Verb To BE	Present participle
I'm	travelling
you're	travelling
he's	travelling
she's	travelling
it's	travelling
we're	travelling
they're	travelling

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Present Continuous Negative

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1 SUBJECT

I
you
he
she
it
we
they

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2 VERB
TO BE

I	am not
you	are not
he	is not
she	is not
it	is not
we	are not
they	are not

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PRESENT PARTICIPLE

I	am not	reading
you	are not	reading
he	is not	reading
she	is not	reading
it	is not	reading
we	are not	reading
they	are not	reading

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Subject	verb to BE	Present participle
I	am not	reading
you	are not	reading
he	is not	reading
she	is not	reading
it	is not	reading
we	are not	reading
they	are not	reading

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TEACHING

Subject	verb to BE	Present participle
I	am not	reading
you	are not	reading
he	is not	reading
she	is not	reading
it	is not	reading
we	are not	reading
they	are not	reading

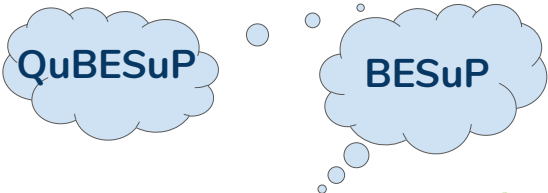
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TEACHING

Subject	verb to BE	Present participle
I'm not		reading
you	aren't	reading
he	isn't	reading
she	isn't	reading
it	isn't	reading
we	aren't	reading
they	aren't	reading

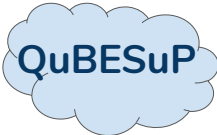







Present Continuous Question Form














QUESTION WORD

Who
What
Where
When
Why
How much




VERB TO BE

Who What Where When Why How much	am
	are
	is
	is
	is
	are
	are



3 SUBJECT

Who What Where When Why How much	am	I
	are	you
	is	he
	is	she
	is	it
	are	we
	are	they

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4 PRESENT PARTICIPLE


Who What Where When Why How much	am	I	reading?
	are	you	reading?
	is	he	reading?
	is	she	reading?
	is	it	reading?
	are	we	reading?
	are	they	reading?

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Question Word	verb to BE	Subject	Present participle
Who What Where When Why How much	am	I	reading?
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	is	he	reading?
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verb to BE	SUBject	Present participle
am	I	reading?
are	you	reading?
is	he	reading?
is	she	reading?
is	it	reading?
are	we	reading?
are	they	reading?

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Present Continuous Short Responses

Are you learning English?

Are you studying to become a doctor?

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1 Response

Yes

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2 Subject

Yes	I
	you
	he
	she
	it
	we
	they

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3 Verb To Be

Yes	I	am
	you	are
	he	is
	she	is
	it	is
	we	are
	they	are

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1 Response

No

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2 Subject

No

I
you
he
she
it
we
they

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3 Verb To Be

No	I	am not
	you	are not
	he	is not
	she	is not
	it	is not
	we	are not
	they	are not

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3 Verb To Be

No	I	am not
	you	are not
	he	is not
	she	is not
	it	is not
	we	are not
	they	are not

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3 Verb To Be

No	I	am not
	you	aren't
	he	isn't
	she	isn't
	it	isn't
	we	aren't
	they	aren't

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Present Continuous Keywords

A diagram showing eight starburst shapes arranged in two rows of four. The top row contains: 'always', 'still', 'forever', and 'this season, month, year'. The bottom row contains: 'constantly', 'now/ even now', 'any longer, anymore, no longer', and 'at this moment/time'. A grey rectangular box is in the top right corner. The 'Virtually FLUENT' logo is in the bottom right corner.

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always still constantly forever

He is complaining.



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still constantly forever

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always




this season,
month, year

now/
even now

any longer,
anymore,
no longer

at this
moment/time

We are learning English.




this season,
month, year

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even now

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anymore,
no longer

at this
moment/time

↑

This year,

we are learning English.

now/
even now

any longer,
anymore,
no longer

at this
moment/time

↑

this year.

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always

still

forever

this season,
month, year

constantly

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Present Continuous Common Mistakes

1

Using stative verbs in the present continuous
I'm am liking it

2

Incorrect question formation
Where they waiting for you?
They waiting for you?

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Forgetting the auxiliary verb
I dancing

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Putting keywords in the wrong place
You still are watching TV

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i'm lovin' it™

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