**The Present Continuous**

**We form the Present Continuous with the present tense of to be + verb + ing: AM/ARE/IS + VERB + ING**

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| **affirmative** | **negative** | **questions** | **Short answers** |
| **I am singing.** | **I am not singing.** | **Am I singing?** | **Yes, I am.**  **No, I’m not.** |
| **You are dancing.** | **You aren’t dancing.** | **Are you dancing?** | **Yes, you are.**  **No, You aren’t.** |
| **He is writing.** | **He isn’t writing.** | **Is he writing?** | **Yes, he is.**  **No, he isn’t.** |
| **She is reading.** | **She isn’t reading.** | **Is she reading?** | **Yes, she is.**  **No, she isn’t.** |
| **It is eating.** | **It isn’t eating.** | **Is it eating?** | **Yes, it is.**  **No, it isn’t.** |
| **We are swimming.** | **We aren’t swimming.** | **Are we swimming?** | **Yes, we are.**  **No, we aren’t.** |
| **You are driving.** | **You aren’t driving.** | **Are you driving?** | **Yes, you are.**  **No, you aren’t.** |
| **They are working.** | **They aren’t working.** | **Ate they working?** | **Yes, they are.**  **No, they aren’t.** |

**We use the Present Continuous to talk about activities that are happening at or around the time of speaking. Pay attention to words like now, right now, today, this week and at this moment.**

**Examples:**

**Look at them! They are fighting.**

**What are you doing? I am reading a book.**

**My dad is working in the garden at this moment.**

**They are watching TV now.**

**I am working today.**

**PAY ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING SPELLING RULES:**

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| **1** | |
| **have** | **having** |
| **smoke** | **smoking** |
| **write** | **writing** |
| **skate** | **skating** |
| **ride** | **riding** |
| **drive** | **driving** |
| **If a verb ends in an –e that you can’t hear, we drop the –e before adding -ing** | |

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| **2** | |
| **run** | **running** |
| **swim** | **swimming** |
| **hop** | **hopping** |
| **get** | **getting** |
| **shop** | **shopping** |
| **If a verb ends in a vowel + consonant, double the final consonant.** | |
| **The same goes for verbs with 2 syllables ending in -el** | |
| **quarrel** | **quarelling** |
| **shovel** | **shovelling** |
| **travel** | **travelling** |