



Present Continuous

The present continuous has these uses:

It is used to talk about something that is happening now.

*He is **talking** on the telephone. (He is talking now.)*

*He is **sitting** in a chair.*



It is also used to talk about something that is happening around now.

Mary: *Jane, how are you?*

Jane: *Good. I'm very busy. I'm **painting** my apartment. How are you?*

Mary: *O.K. I'm tired. I'm **learning** the guitar, but it's difficult.*

It is also used to talk about a future plan.

*My sister is **having** a party next week.*

*I'm **going** to see my friend on Saturday.*

Present Continuous Forms - **Positive**

I am watching television.

We are watching television.

You are watching television.

They are watching television.

He/she/it is watching television.

Present Continuous Forms - **Negative**

I am not watching television.

We are not watching television.

You are not watching television.

They are not watching television.

He/she/it is not watching television.

Present Continuous Forms - **Question**

Am I watching television?

Are we watching television?

Are you watching television?

Are they watching television?

Is he/she/it watching television?



Yes, I am / No, I'm not

When we are talking, we often use the short forms (*Yes, I am / No, I'm not*) to answer questions.

Are you reading this worksheet?

Yes, I am.

Are you learning Portuguese?

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

The forms are:

Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.

Yes, we are. / No, we aren't.

Yes, you are. / No, you aren't.

Yes, they are. / No, they aren't.

Yes, he/she/it is. / No, he/she/it isn't.

Exercise 1: Look at the first picture. Complete these sentences with the verb in the brackets.

Put each verb in the present continuous.

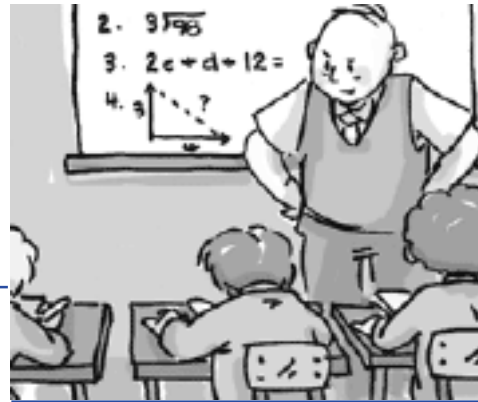
- The bus _____ on a road. (*travel*)
- One man on the bus _____ a newspaper. (*read*)
- A woman _____ in her bag. (*look*)
- A man _____ on his mobile phone. (*talk*)
- The passengers _____ on the bus. (*sit*)



Exercise 2: Look at the second picture. Complete these sentences with the verb in the brackets.

Put each verb in the present continuous.

- The students _____ in a classroom. (*sit*)
- The teacher _____ to them. (*talk*)
- He _____ at the students. (*look*)
- He _____ them Math. (*teach*)
- The students _____ to the teacher. (*listen*)



Exercise 3: Look at the third picture. Answer the questions by completing each answer. Use the verb in brackets in your answer. Put the verb in the present continuous. One is done for you as an example.

- Is the woman watching television?

No, she isn't watching television. She is working on a computer.

- Is the woman singing?

No, _____ (sing) She _____ on the telephone. (*talk*)

- Is the woman wearing a T-shirt?

No, _____ a T-shirt. (*wear*) She _____ shirt and a jacket. (*wear*)

- Is the woman holding a coffee cup?

No, _____ a coffee cup. (*hold*) She _____ the telephone. (*hold*)

- Is the woman standing?

No, _____ (stand) She _____ at her desk. (*sit*)



Exercise 4: Look at the last picture. Answer the questions about the picture. Use *yes, he is / no, he isn't / etc.* One is done for you as an example.

- Is the man swimming?

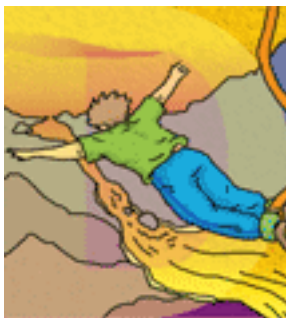
No, he isn't.

- Is the man bungee jumping?

- Is the man running?

- Is the man wearing a suit.

- Is the man holding a suitcase? _____



Now answer these questions about yourself:

- Are you wearing jeans?

- Are you holding a pen?

- Are you doing this worksheet?

- Are you standing?

Answers: Exercise 1: a. is traveling, (British English: is travelling) b. is reading, c. is looking, d. is talking, e. are sitting.

Exercise 2: a. are sitting, b. is talking, c. is looking, d. is teaching, e. are listening.

Exercise 3: b. No, she isn't singing. She is talking on the telephone. c. No, she isn't wearing a T-shirt. She's wearing a shirt and a jacket. d. No, she isn't holding a coffee cup. She's holding the telephone. e. No, she isn't standing. She's sitting at her desk.

Exercise 4: b. Yes, he is. c. No, he isn't. d. No, he isn't. e. No, he isn't. f. - i. Answers will vary.

