

Present Continuous

Present Progressive

Il **Present continuous** si usa:

Per parlare di azioni in corso di svolgimento nel momento in cui si parla o si scrive.

She's chatting at the moment.

Sta chiacchierando in questo momento.

Per descrivere azioni in fotografie e figure.

In this photo I am playing squash with my friend Debbie.

In questa foto sto giocando a squash con la mia amica Debbie.

Per descrivere azioni che sono programmate nel futuro; in questo caso è sempre presente un complemento di tempo che indica un periodo futuro (Esempio: tomorrow, next year, tonight, ecc).

We are going to Rome on Saturday.

Andiamo a Roma sabato.

Per descrivere azioni che avvengono temporaneamente in un periodo di tempo limitato.

I am working in Rome this month.

Lavoro a Roma questo mese.

Per descrivere azioni che esprimono un'irritazione accompagnata sempre dall'avverbio **always**.

Andrew is always coming late.

Andrew è sempre in ritardo.

Generalmente con il **Present Continuous** si usano espressioni di tempo come now, at the moment e today.

Ci sono verbi che non si usano mai al **Present Continuous**. Ad esempio: be, like, love, hate, prefer, want.

Il **present Continuous** corrisponde di solito in italiano al presente indicativo o al presente di stare + la forma in –ando/-endo

PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Affirmative

Subject

AUX (BE)

Infinitive verb + -ing

TALK

HE

IS

TALKING

Spelling variations

La forma in –ing del verbo si ottiene, per la maggior parte dei casi, aggiungendo –ing alla forma base del verbo. Ci sono tuttavia delle variazioni ortografiche.

1- Ai verbi che terminano con una consonante + e si toglie e finale e si aggiunge –ing.

Have → having

2- Ai verbi che terminano con una vocale + una consonante si raddoppia la consonante finale e si aggiunge –ing.

Sit → sitting

Stop → stopping

Spelling variations

3- Ai verbi che terminano con -X , -Y , -W si aggiunge regolarmente -ing.

Study → studying

Play → playing

Show → showing

3- Ai verbi che terminano con -IE si cambia -IE a -Y e si aggiunge -ing.

Die → dying

TAK  + -ING

TAKING

PRENDERE

SEE + -ING

SEEING

VEDERE

D  + -YING

DYING

MORIRE

HURRY + -ING

HURRYING

AFFRETTARSI

WIN + N + -ING WINNING VINCERE

(-X , -Y, -W)

PLAY + ---- + -ING PLAYING GIOCARE, SUONARE, ETC.

ASK + ---- + -ING ASKING CHIEDERE

SHOUT + ---- + -ING SHOUTING GRIDARE, URLARE

PUT +T + -ING

PUTTING

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DRIV  + -ING

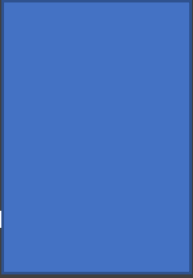
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GUIDARE

AGREE + -ING

AGREEING

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PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

INTERROGATIVE

AUX (BE)

Subject

Infinitive verb + -ing

TALK

IS

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TALKING?

YES, HE IS.

NO, HE IS NOT. HE ISN'T.

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PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

NEGATIVE

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Infinitive verb + -ing

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AFFIRMATIVE

SHE **'S** READING A BOOK.

SHE'S READING A BOOK.

NEGATIVE

SHE **'S** NOT READING A BOOK.

SHE'S **NOT** READING A BOOK.

SHE IS **N**T READING A BOOK.

SHE IS**N'T** READING A BOOK.

INTERROGATIVE

IS SHE READING A BOOK?



+ She buys a dress.

PRESENT
SIMPLE

- She doesn't buy a dress.

SHE

? Does she buy a dress?

BUY

Yes, She does.

No, she doesn't.

A DRESS

+ She is doing her homework.

PRESENT
CONTINUOUS

- She isn't doing her homework.

SHE

? Is she doing her homework?

DO

Yes, She is.

No, she isn't.

HER
HOMEWORK

+ They clean the car.

PRESENT
SIMPLE

- They don't clean the car.

THEY

? Do they clean the car?

CLEAN

Yes, they do.

No, they don't.

THE CAR

+ You are writing on the board.

PRESENT
CONTINUOUS

- You aren't writing on the board.

YOU
(SINGULAR)

? Are you writing on the board?

WRITE

Yes, I am.

No, I'm not.

ON THE
BOARD

+ The workers are having lunch.

PRESENT
CONTINUOUS

- The workers aren't having lunch.

The
workers

? Are the workers having lunch?

HAVE

Yes, They are.

No, They aren't.

LUNCH

+ You and your wife are drinking tea.

PRESENT
CONTINUOUS

- You and your wife aren't drinking tea.

YOU AND
YOUR WIFE

? Are you and your wife drinking tea?

DRINK

Yes, we are.

No, we aren't.

TEA

+ It is snowing a lot.

PRESENT
CONTINUOUS

- It isn't snowing a lot.

IT

? Is it snowing a lot?

SNOW

Yes, It is.

No, It isn't.

A LOT

+ She speaks English.

PRESENT
SIMPLE

- She doesn't speak English.

SHE

? Does she speak English?

SPEAK

Yes, She does.

No, she doesn't.

ENGLISH