



1. Formation of the present continuous

1.1 VERB TO BE + PRESENT PARTICIPLE

Present participle = infinitive form of the verb (without to) + ING

E.g.: singing, speaking, making,...

AFFIRMATIVE	QUESTION (+)	NEGATIVE	QUESTION (-)
I'm working	Am I working?	I'm not working	Aren't I working?
You're working	Are you working?	You aren't working	Aren't you working?
He/she's working	Is he/she working?	He/she isn't working	Isn't he/she working?
They're working	Are they working?	They aren't working	Aren't they working?

1.2 Rules for the formation of the present participle

Verb ending in:	-ing form	Example
- e	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• remove -e• add -ING	to come → coming
- ee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• add -ING	to see → seeing
1 vowel + 1 consonant (verbs of one syllable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• double the consonant• add -ING	to swim → swimming to hit → hitting to let → letting to get → getting
most other verbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• add - ING	to play → playing to eat → eating to hold → holding

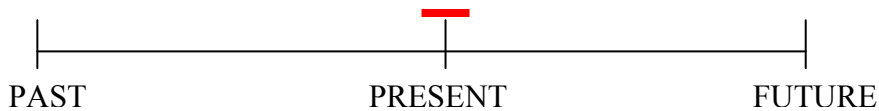


1.3 Note!

- to develop – develop**ing**
- to prefer – prefer**ring**
- to begin – begin**ning**
- to travel – travel**ing**
- to lie – **ly**ing
- to die – **dy**ing

2. Use of the present continuous

2.1 To describe something that is happening now (or that is not happening), at this very moment.



E.g.: Look! They are coming now!
What are you doing? I'm cooking.
You're not studying, you're watching TV!

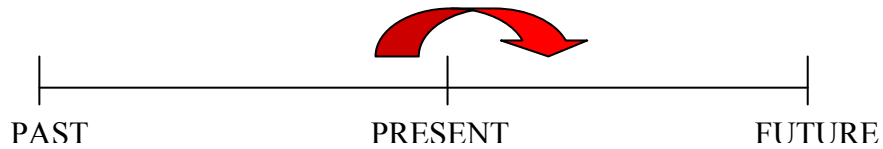
2.2 To express a planned activity that will take place in the near future.



E.g.: What are you doing this afternoon?
I'm not going to the party tonight.
He is visiting his parents next weekend.



2.3 To express an action that is in progress.



E.g.: I'm studying to become a teacher.
I'm reading a very interesting book.
You're working at the bank.

2.4 Present continuous + always: to emphasize and/or show anger.

E.g.: She is always forgetting to bring her books!
They are always going on holiday!
You're always speaking! Shut up!