

PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

grammar overview

★ We use "present continuous" when we talk about events that are going on at the time of speaking.

Examples: Look! The girl is riding her bicycle. / I am having my breakfast at the moment. I can't come out. / The students are writing the summary of the reading text now. / Be quiet! The baby is sleeping.

★ We use "present continuous" when we talk about a period of time close to present.

Examples: Our football team isn't playing well this season. / She is preparing the project today. / We're having a lot of meetings this week. / Mark is working in China this month.

Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets

1. I'm in a very big forest now. The birds _____ (sing) and the ants _____ (carry) food.
2. Sally _____ (dry) her hair now.
3. Two men _____ (walk) in the street now.
4. Brian _____ (play) the guitar at the moment.
5. Steven and Rachel _____ (cook) the dinner in the kitchen. It smells wonderful.
6. My father _____ (read) his newspaper and my mother _____ (write) a letter to her sister at the moment.
7. You're _____ (study) hard this term.

8. Look! The Browns _____ (move) to another city. Let's go and help them carry the furniture.
9. The children _____ (play) in the garden.
10. Our boss _____ (have) a meeting at the moment. Can you wait for a short time?
11. I _____ (solve) a very difficult Maths problem. I can't listen to you at the moment.
12. The girls _____ (organize) a surprise party for Joseph at the moment.
13. Be careful! A dog _____ (run) toward us.
14. Don't make noise! The teacher _____ (talk) about an important subject.

Complete the sentences with a suitable verb below

eat go drink listen
sleep watch help
dance swim rain
have wash study

1. You can't talk to Janet now. She _____ in her bedroom.
2. Look at the weather. It _____. Take your umbrella with you.
3. The children _____ a cartoon on TV now.
4. She _____ to music and _____ in her room at the moment.
5. Oh, Mary! Where _____? To school or to the library?
6. Larry and Peter _____ hamburgers and _____ coke in the school cafeteria now.
7. My mother _____ the dishes and my sister is _____ her in the kitchen at the moment.
8. I'm _____ for my university exam this year.
9. We _____ in the lake at the moment. The water is warm and nice.
10. Helen _____ problems with her classmates this semester. Nobody likes her.

Unscramble the words and make sentences

1. a lorry / man / a / now / drive / tall

2. clean / her / at the moment / Mrs. Gatsby / house

3. internet cafe / go to / the children / now

4. water / in the garden / my father / the flowers

5. letter / I / my aunt / at the moment / write

6. dolls / play / Susan / with / home / at / now

7. park / Clark / car / in the / his / at the moment

8. on / the baby / sit / the floor / play / and / now

9. nice / a / tell / the teacher / story / now

10. now / read / in the / Betty / a book / library

11. barn / milk / Fanny / now / the cows / in the

12. iron / I / shirts / at the moment / and / ties

13. the zoo / watching / we / in / the animals / now

14. the letters / now / deliver / the postman
