

Present continuous tense review

The present continuous tense is used to talk about things that are happening at the moment of speaking. For example, *I am working on my computer at the moment. What are you doing? You are reading this article.*

Form: Subject + is / am / are + -ing form of the verb

What is your mother doing now? Is she cooking? No, she is watching TV.

What is your sister doing at the moment? She is writing a letter.

What is your brother doing now? He is playing chess with his friend.

What is your father doing now? He is reading the newspaper.

More examples are given below.

What are the birds doing? The birds are chirping.

What is the baby doing? The baby is sleeping.

What are the children doing? The children are playing cricket in the garden.

What are you doing now? I am learning about the present continuous tense.

Suggested activity

Take a story book with lots of pictures. Go through the pages and ask yourself questions based on the pictures.

What are the girls doing now? They are dancing.

What is that cat doing now? It is chasing a mouse.

What are the birds doing now? They are flying in the sky.

What are the boys doing? Are they playing cricket? No, they are flying kites.

What is that girl holding in her hand?

Is she holding a bird? No, she is not holding a bird.

She is holding a puppy in her hand. The puppy is howling in pain because it has hurt its leg.

What is that old man doing?

Is he sleeping? No, he is not sleeping. He is sitting under a tree.

What are the dogs doing? Are they chasing a cat? No, they are not chasing a cat. They are fighting for a bone.