

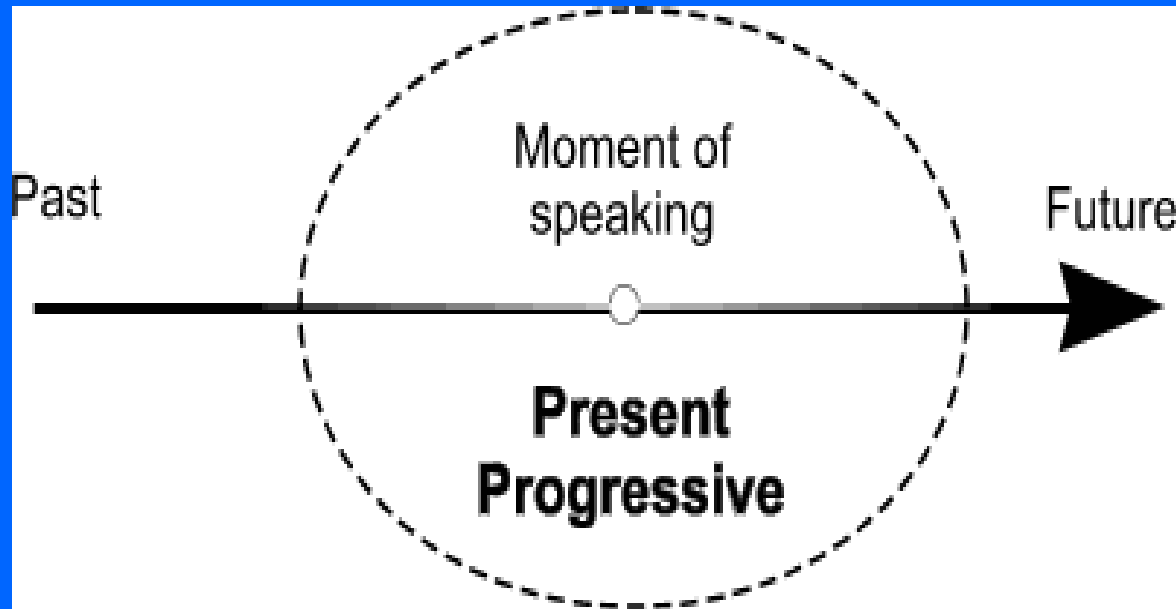
# THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE



What is he doing?

He's playing football now.

The present progressive puts emphasis on the course or duration of an action.



**TWEETY, WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING?**



**I'M FLYING !!!**

# THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

**AFFIRMATIVE: Play**

I	am 'm	playing
You	are	
We	're	
They		
He	is	
She	's	
It		

# THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE



Is he playing football now?  
No, he isn't. He is running.

# THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

## INTERROGATIVE: Play

Am	I	playing?
Are	you we they	
Is	he she it	

## NEGATIVE: Play

I	am not 'm not	playing
You We They	are not aren't	
He She It	is not isn't	

WHAT IS SHE DOING?



draw

She is drawing a picture.

# VERB + ing (spelling rules)

listen + ing = listening

die (-ie → y) + ing = dying

write + ing = writing

hop + p + ing = hopping

travel + l + ing = travelling



Make **-ing** forms of each verb given.

begin

rub

listen

lie

swim

study

happen

get

use

admit

try

decide

come

put

# –ing forms

beginning

rubbing

listening

lying

swimming

studying

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using

admitting

trying

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coming

putting

**A single, silent e at the end of the word is dropped before ing.**

example: come – coming

**But:** ee at the end of the word is not changed

example: agree – agreeing

**The final consonant after a short, stressed vowel is doubled before ing.**  
example: *sit* - sitting

**The final consonant after the second stressed syllable is doubled before ing:**  
example: *begin* - beginning

**The letter l as final consonant after a vowel is always doubled before ing.**  
example: travel - travelling

Mind: This applies only for British English; in American English there is usually only one l.

**An ie at the end of a word becomes y before ing.**  
example: lie - lying

# The Present Continuous Tense is used for

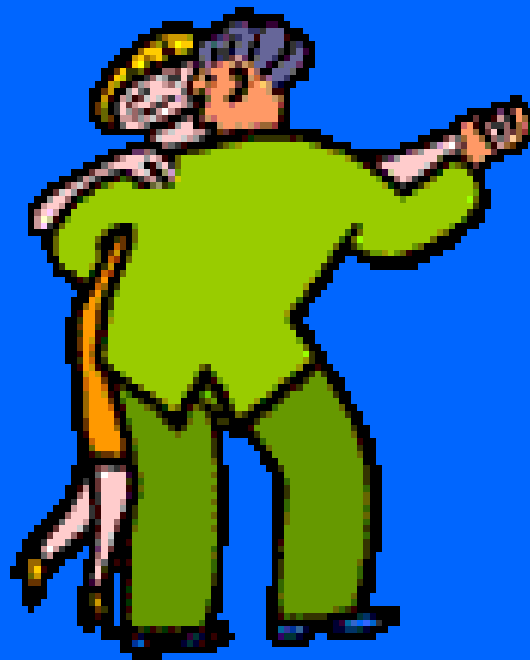
1. Actions which are happening at or around the moment of speaking.

- Now *I'm doing the washing up.*
- *She is working very hard nowadays.*

2. Temporary situations.

- *I'm staying with a friend at the moment.*

# ACTIONS THAT ARE HAPPENING AT PRESENT (1)



They are dancing right now.

# TEMPORARY SITUATIONS (2)

They normally play tennis.



But this week they are skating.



# THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

## TIME EXPRESSIONS:

Now, at the moment, today, nowadays, this week.

**They are throwing snowballs  
now**



## Present Simple or Present Continuous?

1. (You / come) \_\_\_\_\_ tonight?
2. (He / eat) \_\_\_\_\_ rice every day?
3. I (work) \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment.
4. (He / come) \_\_\_\_\_ to London often?
5. He (play) \_\_\_\_\_ tennis now.
6. (You / come) \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema later?  
to the party



7. They (not / come) \_\_\_\_\_ to the party tomorrow.

8. He (not / play) \_\_\_\_\_ golf now.

9. (You / play) \_\_\_\_\_ tennis this Sunday?

10. They (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to a restaurant every Saturday.

11. She (not / go) \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema very often.

Answers:

1. Are you coming tonight?
2. Does he eat rice every day?
3. I am working at the moment.
4. Does he come to London often?
5. He is playing tennis now.
6. Are you coming to the cinema later?
7. They aren't coming to the party tomorrow.
8. He isn't playing golf now.
9. Are you playing tennis this Sunday?
10. They go to a restaurant every Saturday.
11. She doesn't go to the cinema very often.