

What is the Present Continuous Tense?

The present continuous tense is used to describe actions that are happening now or around the present moment.

- Example: She is reading a book.

Formation of Present Continuous

- Affirmative Sentence: Subject + am/is/are + verb (ing)
 - Example: He is walking to school.
- Negative Sentence: Subject + am/is/are + not + verb (ing)
 - Example: She is not studying now.
- Interrogative Sentence: Am/Is/Are + subject + verb (ing)?
 - Example: Are they playing soccer?

Spelling Rules for Present Continuous

- **Rule 1:** For most verbs, simply add ****ing**** to the base form.
 - Example: play → playing
- **Rule 2:** If the verb ends in ****e****, remove the ****e**** and add ****ing****.
 - Example: make → making
- **Rule 3:** If the verb ends in a vowel + consonant and is one syllable, double the final consonant and add ****ing****.
 - Example: run → running
- **Rule 4:** If the verb ends in ****ie****, change ****ie**** to ****y**** and add ****ing****.
 - Example: lie → lying

Uses of Present Continuous

1. Actions happening now (Πράξεις που συμβαίνουν τώρα, την στιγμή που μιλάμε)

- Example: I am eating dinner right now.

2. Temporary actions (happening around now but not necessarily at this moment) (προσωρινές καταστάσεις ή πράξεις)

- Example: They are staying at their cousin's house this week.

3. Future plans (Κάτι προγραμματισμένο να συμβεί στο σύντομο μέλλον και ξέρουμε όλες τις λεπτομέρειες)

- Example: She is meeting her friends tomorrow.

Use 1: Actions Happening Now (Πράξεις που συμβαίνουν τώρα, την στιγμή που μιλάμε)

- Explanation: This use is for actions occurring at the moment of speaking.
- Example: He is talking on the phone.
- Common Adverbs: **now, right now, at the moment, currently**
- Example: I am working right now.

Use 2: Temporary Actions (προσωρινές καταστάσεις ή πράξεις)

- Explanation: This use is for actions that are happening around the current time but are temporary.
- Example: They are living in Paris for the summer.
- Common Adverbs: **these days, at present, for now, this week/month**
- Example: She is learning French these days.

Use 3: Future Plans (Κάτι προγραμματισμένο να συμβεί στο σύντομο μέλλον και ξέρουμε όλες τις λεπτομέρειες)

- Explanation: This use refers to future arrangements or plans that have already been made.
- Example: We are flying to Rome next week.
- Common Adverbs: **tomorrow, next week, in the morning, this evening**
- Example: I am meeting my boss tomorrow morning.