

Present Continuous

Positive and negative

I	'm 'm not	eating
He/She/It	's isn't	
We/You/They	're aren't	

Question

What	am is are	I he/she/it We/you/they	doing?
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Short answer

Are you going by train?	Yes, I am No, I'm not
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Use

The Present Continuous is used to express

1- an activity that is happening now.

Don't turn the TV off. I'm watching it.

You can't speak to Lisa. She's having a bath.

2 - an activity or situation that is true now, but is not necessarily happening at the moment of speaking.

Don't take that book. Jane's reading it.

I'm doing a French evening class this year.

3- a temporary activity.

Peter is a student, but he's working as a waiter during the holidays.

Present Continuous

I'm living with my parents until I find a place of my own.

4- a planned future arrangement.

I'm having lunch with Glenda tomorrow.

We're meeting at 1.00 outside the restaurant.

Spelling of verb + -ing

1 Most verbs add -ing to the base form of the verb.

Going wearing visiting eating

2 Verbs that end in one -e lose the -e.

Smoking coming hoping writing

Verbs that end in -ee don't drop an -e.

agreeing seeing

-lie lying

3 Verbs of one syllable, with one vowel and one consonant, double the consonant. is -y or -w, it is not doubled.

Stopping getting running planning jogging

If the final consonant is -y or -w, it is not doubled

Playing showing