

Present Continuous

Form: **Subject + to be + verb-ing**

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I am working	I am not working	Am I working?
You are working	You are not working	Are you working?
He is working	He is not working	Is he working?
She is working	She is not working	Is she working?
It is working	It is not working	Is it working?
We are working	We are not working	Are we working?
You are working	You are not working	Are you working?
They are working	They are not working	Are they working?

Use: a) describes an action that takes place in the present and is still going on in the present.

e.g. I am sitting on the chair at the moment.

b) describes an action which is happening around now, during this period of time.

e.g. Mum is learning to drive. (*It's temporary – not a habit*)

c) describes an action or event in the future, which has already been planned or prepared (Future use).

e.g. We're going *on holiday tomorrow*.

Verbs that are not usually used in the continuous form

The verbs not normally used in the simple form refer to **states**, rather than actions or processes.

Ρήματα αισθήσεως – Συναισθήματα – Γνώμης – Αντίληψης – Μνήμης κτλ.
e.g. feel, hear, like, hate, think, know, understand, forget, remember etc.

SPELLING RULES

We add **-ing** to the main verb: work + ing = working

Exceptions

a. If the main verb ends in **consonant + stressed vowel + consonant**, we double the last letter: **stop** + p + ing = **stopping** / **cut**+ t+ ing = **cutting**

b. If the main verb ends in **ie**, we change the **ie** to **y**: die = drey + ing = **dying**

c. If the main verb ends in **vowel + consonant + e**, omit the **e**: come + ing = coming

USE

We use the **present continuous tense** to talk about:

a. an action happening exactly now
b. an action happening around now

- **Key words:** now, right now, at the moment, at present, Look!, Listen!, this week/month/year/summer etc. also currently, temporarily, presently, at the present time, for the time being)
- We can use both P.S. and P.C. in the same sentence. P.S is used for habits and customs, general truths while P.C. is used for temporary actions happening now or around now.