

# ENGLISH GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT

## **Present Continuous Tense in Real Life**

**What Is Happening Right Now? Learn English through Real-Life Events, Everyday Actions, and Global News.**



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# Lesson Learning Objectives



## Actions Right Now

Understand when to describe activities occurring at the exact moment of speaking.



## Temporary Situations

Describe ongoing projects, short-term arrangements, and current trends.



## Global Events

Discuss current news, technological shifts, and world developments naturally.



## Natural Questions

Formulate positive, negative, and question forms with immediate short answers.

# Situation 1: Live Broadcast

## Reporting Events Happening Now

Imagine you are watching a live news channel. The reporter uses the Present Continuous to describe actions in progress right now:

"Firefighters **are fighting** a forest fire."

"Doctors **are treating** injured people."

"Volunteers **are helping** displaced families."

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# Grammatical Structure

| Subject         | Be Verb (am / is / are) | Base Verb + -ing    | Complete Sentence Example                |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|
| I               | am                      | working             | I am working on the project right now.   |
| He / She / It   | is                      | speaking / raining  | She is driving to work. / It is raining. |
| We / You / They | are                     | learning / building | They are building a new hospital.        |

*Formula: Subject + **am/is/are** + Verb-ing*

# Core Usage Scenarios



## 1. Actions Happening Now

**Example:** Scientists are studying a new disease in the laboratory right at this moment.



## 2. Temporary Activities

**Example:** My COUSIN is preparing for the IELTS exam this month.



## 3. Global Trends & Changes

**Example:** Electric vehicles are becoming more popular across Europe.

# Sentence Patterns & Questions

## Positive & Negative Forms

**Positive:** Subj + am/is/are + V-ing

✓ She is **reading** a book. / They are planting trees.

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**Negative:** Subj + am/is/are + NOT + V-ing

× I am not sleeping. / He isn't **driving**.

## Questions & Short Answers

**Question:** Am/Is/Are + Subj + V-ing?

? Are you **listening**? / Is she studying?

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**Short Answers:**

- "Are you learning English?" — **Yes, I am.** / **No, I'm not.**
- "Is he working?" — **Yes, he is.** / **No, he isn't.**

# Describing Global Changes

## Transformations in Progress

We frequently use the Present Continuous when describing gradual shifts and environmental or technological changes taking place today.

 The weather **is getting** hotter.

 Cities **are becoming** smarter.

 Internet speed **is improving** globally.

 Clean energy **is replacing** fossil fuels.

# Essential Lesson Vocabulary

| Word    | Meaning                               | Example Sentence in Present Continuous                     |
|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Invest  | Put money or resources into something | Many countries <b>are investing</b> in solar power.        |
| Explore | Travel or investigate to learn more   | Scientists <b>are exploring</b> the deep ocean floor.      |
| Improve | Become or make something better       | Hospitals <b>are improving</b> digital healthcare systems. |
| Expand  | Grow or become larger in size/scope   | Online education <b>is expanding</b> rapidly worldwide.    |

# Common Grammar Mistakes

✗ **Incorrect:** She is drive to work now. ✓ | **Correct:** She **is driving** to work now.

✗ **Incorrect:** They are study English at the moment. ✓ | **Correct:** They **are studying** English now.

✗ **Incorrect:** I am go home right now. ✓ | **Correct:** I **am going** home right now.

✗ **Incorrect:** He are working in the office today. ✓ | **Correct:** He **is working** in the office today.

## Present Continuous in Action



**A scientist conducting research in the lab**

### Education

My cousin **is studying** for her upcoming exams at the university library this week.

### Scientific Progress

Medical researchers **are developing** advanced treatments in modern Laboratories.

# Reading & Classroom Practice

## Reading Passage

"Today, people around the world **are experiencing** many changes. **Scientists are developing** cleaner energy. Schools **are introducing** digital learning, and companies **are creating** new AI tools."

### Questions to Answer:

1. What are scientists developing?
2. What are schools introducing?

## TV Reporter Challenge

Imagine you are a TV reporter live on scene.  
Report 3 live events:

*"Good evening! Engineers are checking bridges, police officers are directing traffic, and volunteers are helping families."*

# Questions & Practice

What are you doing after class today?

What skills or languages are you learning these days?

**Keep practicing Present Continuous in your everyday conversations!**