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Grammar: **The present continuous**

1- The form of the present continuous tense:

The verb to be (in the simple present)	Verb+ ing
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2- The affirmative forms of the present continuous:

I	am	talking
	'm	
You, we, they	are	
	're	
He, she, it	is	
	's	

3- The interrogative forms of the present continuous:

Am	I	talking ?
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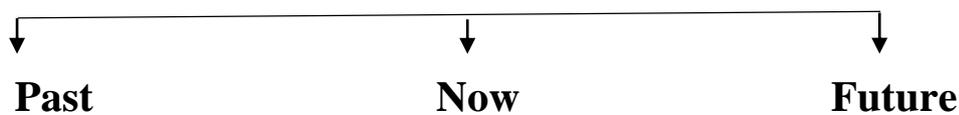
Are	You, we, they	
Is	He, she, it	

4- The negative forms of forms of the present continuous:

I	am not	talking
	'm not	
You, we, they	are not	
	aren't	
He, she, it	Is not	
	isn't	

5- The use of the present continuous tense:

I am doing



The present continuous is used to talk about actions happening at the time of speaking **example** :What **are you doing** at the moment in front of your screen ? Don' t you know ? Wellyou **are reading** this lesson. You **are learning** English.

The present continuous canals obeused when an action has started but hasn't finished yet.

Example: I **am reading** a book, it's a nice book. (It means = I am not necessarily reading it, I started reading it but I haven't finished it yet).

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Pronoun	Statement	Negation	Question
I	I <u>am</u> working	I <u>am not</u> working	<u>Am</u> I working?
You	You <u>are</u> working	You <u>are not</u> working	<u>Are</u> you working?
He/She/It	He/She/It <u>is</u> working	He/She/It <u>is not</u> working	<u>Is</u> he/she/it working?
We	We <u>are</u> working	We <u>are not</u> working	<u>Are</u> we working?
They	They <u>are</u> working	They <u>are not</u> working	<u>Are</u> they working?

Special verbs:

There are verbs which are normally not used in the present continuous

examples: believe, belong, like, see, seem, want, wish

These verbs are called stative verbs in contrast to action verbs (also referred to as dynamic verbs) such as work, play, eat.....etc.

It's not correct to say: He **is wanting** to buy a new car

You must say: He **wants** to buy a new car

Exercise: Put the verbs into the present continuous.

- 1- Look at that one, It (fly) high in the sky.
- 2- I feel happy because I (have) a good time here in these woods.
- 3- They (walk) together.

4- The situation (improve) despite the challenges we (are facing)

5- I (not go) abroad this summer

6- (you focus) on the exercise ?

7- This obstacle (prevented) us from reaching our goal.

8- This semester, we (study) the capitalism system.