

Welcome to Fairweather English: worksheets in English

The present continuous (sometimes called the present progressive) tense in English is really easy to make and is the same for all verbs.

We make it using the present simple of 'be' + verb-ing:

Here is how we make the positive:

Positive Positive Short Form

☒ I am sleeping ☒ I'm sleeping

☒ You are sleeping ☒ You're sleeping

☒ He is sleeping ☒ He's sleeping

☒ She is sleeping ☒ She's sleeping

☒ It is sleeping ☒ It's sleeping

☒ We are sleeping ☒ We're sleeping

☒ They are sleeping ☒ They're sleeping

We can make the negative by adding 'not':

Negative Negative Short Form

☒ I am not sleeping ☒ I'm not sleeping

☒ You are not playing ☒ You aren't playing

☒ He is not Reading ☒ He isn't reading

☒ She is not working ☒ She isn't working

☒ It is not raining ☒ It isn't raining

☒ We are not cooking ☒ We aren't cooking

☒ They are not listening ☒ They aren't listening

Questions are also really, really easy. Just like we made the question with 'be' in the present simple, here we also put 'am', 'is', or 'are' before the subject to make a 'yes / no' question:

Yes / No Questions

- ☒ Am I eating chocolate ?
- ☒ Are you studying now ?
- ☒ Is he working ?
- ☒ Is she doing her homework ?
- ☒ Is it raining ?
- ☒ Are we meeting at six ?
- ☒ Are they coming ?

For 'wh' questions, just put the question word at the front:

Wh Questions

- ☒ Why am I eating chocolate ?
- ☒ What are you studying now ?
- ☒ When is he working ?
- ☒ What is she doing ?
- ☒ Why is it raining ?
- ☒ Who are we meeting ?
- ☒ How are they travelling ?

EXERCISE:

1. He _____ (save) money because he wants to buy a car.
2. You _____ (not listen) to me.
3. My parents _____ (look) for a new apartment.
4. The victim _____ (not cooperate) with the police.
5. We _____ (plan) a trip to Japan.
6. I _____ (cook) fish for dinner.
7. The water _____ (boil). You can put the pasta now.
8. He _____ (not train) because he has health problems.
9. I _____ (not work) at present. I'm unemployed.
10. It _____ (not rain) now. We can go to the park.

ANSWERS:

- 1) **He is saving money....**
- 2) **You are not listening to me.**
- 3) **My parents are looking for a new...**
- 4) **The victim is not cooperating.**
- 5) **We are planning a trip to Japan.**
- 6) **I am cooking fish for dinner.**
- 7) **The water is boiling.**
- 8) **He is not training because..**
- 9) **I am not working at present.**
- 10) **It is not raining.**