

**PRESENT  
CONTINUOUS  
TENSE**

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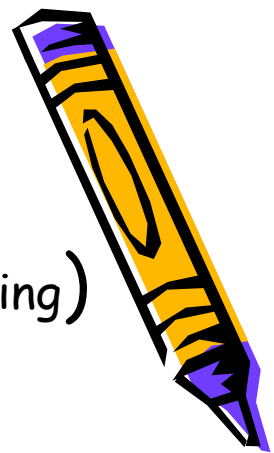
# Affirmative form

Subject + am/is/are + present participle (V<sub>ing</sub>)

I + am + watching TV.

He  
She + is + looking nice at this moment.  
It

We  
They + are + playing football.  
You



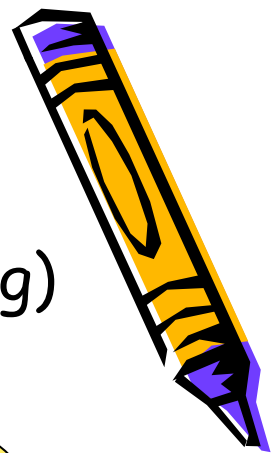
# Negative form

Subject + am/is/are + not + present participle (Ving)

I + am + not + watching TV.

He  
She + is + not + looking nice at this moment.  
It

We  
They + are + not + playing football.  
You



# Interrogative form

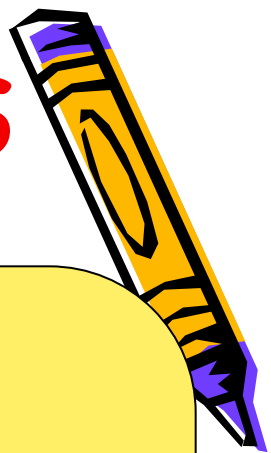
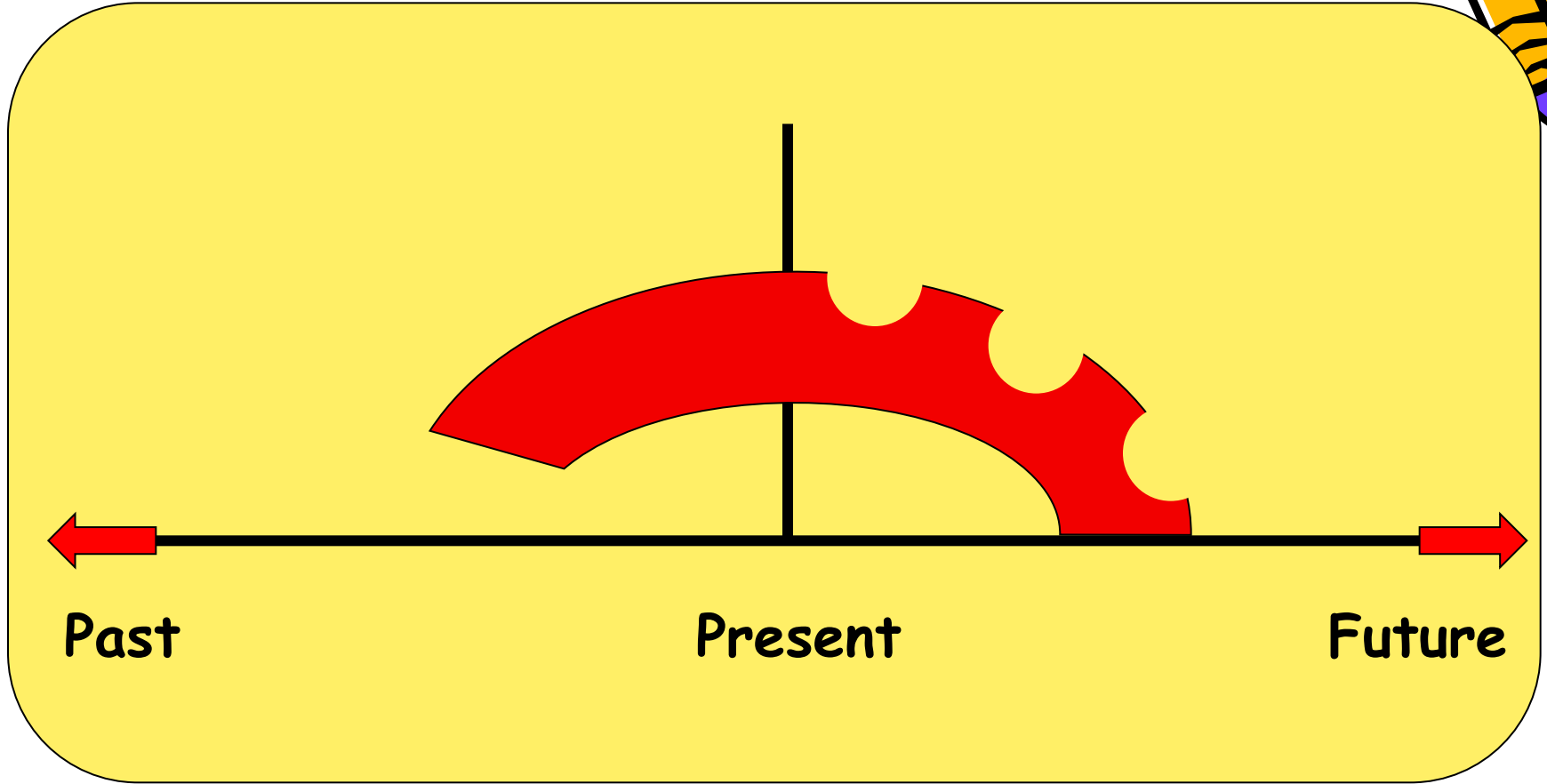
Is/are + subject + present participle (Ving)

he  
Is + she + looking nice at this moment?  
it

we  
Are + they + playing football?  
you



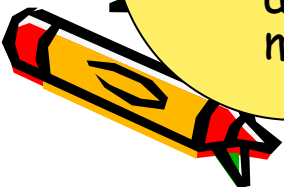
# PRESENT CONTINUOUS



# The present continuous is used:



- **to describe an action that is going on at this moment:** You are using the Internet. You are studying English grammar.
- **to describe an action that is going on during this period of time or a trend:** Are you still working for the same company? More and more people are becoming vegetarian.
- **to describe an action or event in the future, which has already been planned or prepared:** We're going on holiday tomorrow. I'm meeting my boyfriend tonight. Are they visiting you next winter?
- **to describe a temporary event or situation:** He usually plays the drums, but he's playing bass guitar tonight. The weather forecast was good, but it's raining at the moment.
- **with "always, forever, constantly", to describe and emphasise a continuing series of repeated actions:** Harry and Sally are always arguing! You're constantly complaining about your mother-in-law!



# Examples

You are learning English now.

What is he doing?

Why aren't you doing your homework?

I am studying to become a doctor.

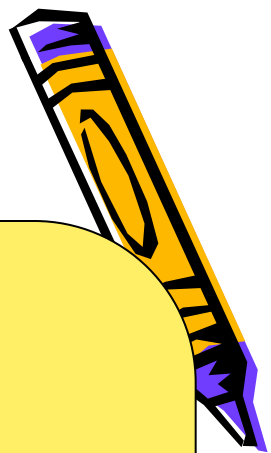
Aren't you teaching at the university now?

We are not going to the party tonight.

Is he visiting his parents next weekend?

She is always coming to class late.

I don't like them because they are always complaining.

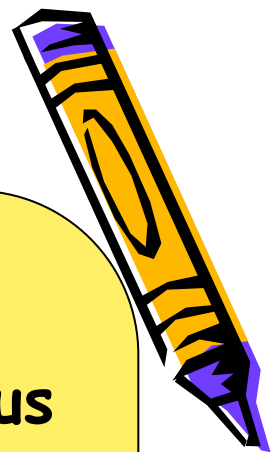


# PRESENT CONTINUOUS

It is important to remember that Non-Continuous Verbs cannot be used in any continuous tenses. Also, certain non-continuous meanings for Mixed Verbs cannot be used in continuous tenses. Instead of using Present Continuous with these verbs, you must use Simple Present.

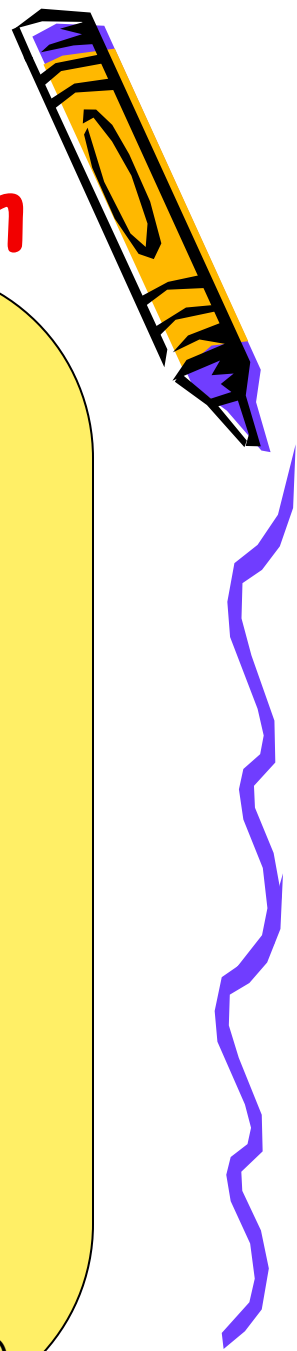
- Examples:

She is loving this chocolate ice cream. Not Correct  
She loves this chocolate ice cream. Correct





# Verbs that are not usually used in the continuous form



- **Senses / Perception**

- to feel\*
- to hear
- to see\*
- to smell
- to taste

- **Opinion**

- to assume
- to believe
- to consider
- to doubt
- to feel (= to think)
- to find (= to consider)
- to suppose
- to think\*

- **Mental states**

- to forget
- to imagine
- to know
- to mean
- to notice
- to recognise
- to remember
- to understand

- **Emotions / desires**

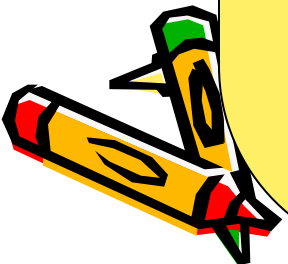
- to envy
- to fear
- to dislike
- to hate
- to hope
- to like
- to love
- to mind
- to prefer
- to regret
- to want
- to wish

- **Measurement**

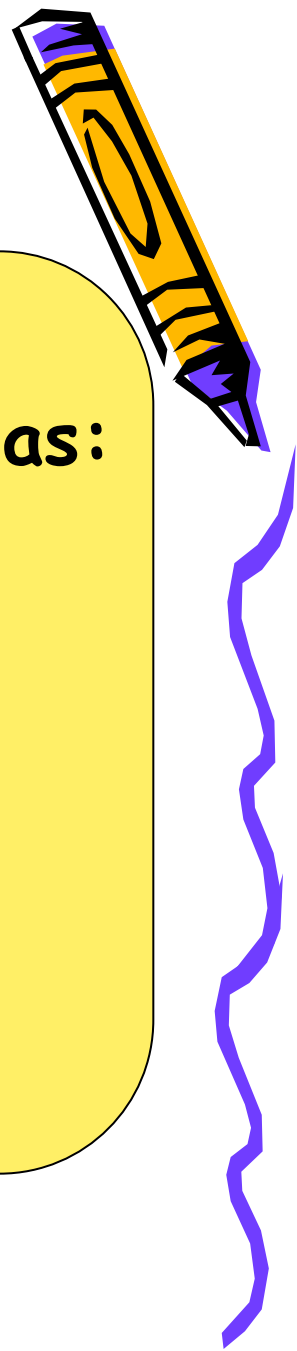
- to contain
- to cost
- to hold
- to measure
- to weigh

- **Others**

- to look (=resemble)
- to seem
- to be (in most cases)
- to have (when it means "to possess")



# ADVERB PLACEMENT



The examples below show the placement for grammar adverbs such as: always, only, never, ever, still, just, etc.

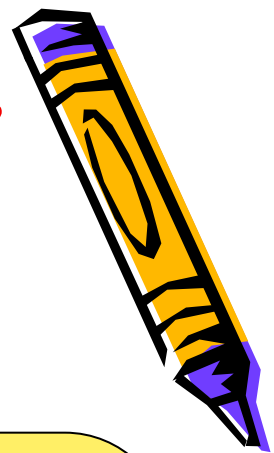
- Examples:

You are still watching TV.

Are you still watching TV?



# *Passive Voice - Present Continuous Tense*

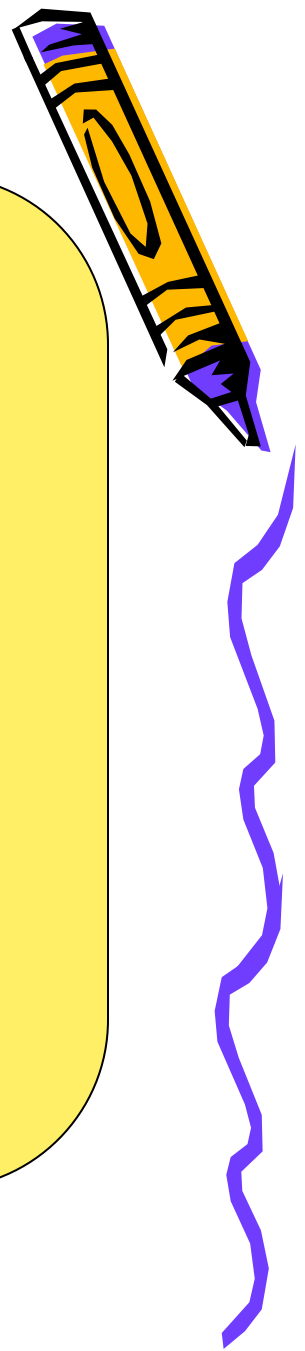


Object of the active sentence +  
is/are/am + (not) + being + past  
participle form of the verb + by +  
subject of the active sentence.



# Examples

- Active: I am reading a story.
- Passive: A story is being read by me.
- Active: I am waiting for him.
- Passive: He is being waited for by me.
- Active: She is not writing a story.
- Passive: A story is not being written by her.
- Active: Are the masons building a house?
- Passive: Is a house being built by the masons?
- Active: Who is waiting for you?
- Passive: By whom are you being waited for?
- Active: Whom are you waiting for?
- Passive: Who is being waited for by you?
- Active: Why is he not learning his lessons?
- Passive: Why are his lessons not being learnt by him?
- Active: Whose father is helping you?
- Passive: By whose father are you being helped?



# Test

1. What time \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner tonight?

is Nick and Rosa coming

Nick and Rosa are coming

do Nick and Rosa come

2. I \_\_\_\_\_ in the car now.

am waiting

wait

is waiting

3. Take your umbrella. It \_\_\_\_\_ cats and dogs.

rained

are raining

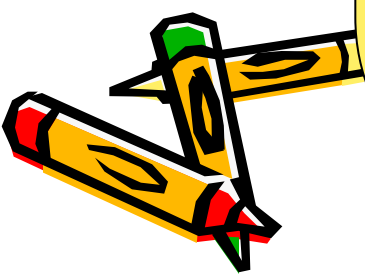
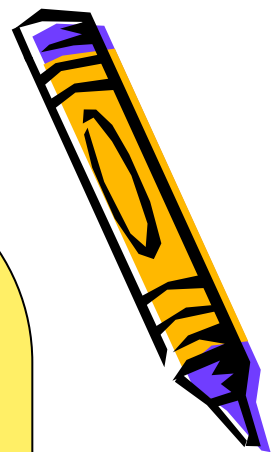
is raining

4. My Dad \_\_\_\_\_ overtime this week.

works

are working

is working



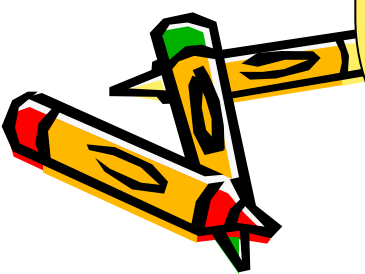
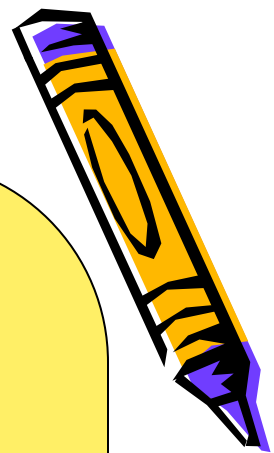
# Test

5. I really \_\_\_\_\_ snakes after that case.  
am detesting  
detest

6. At the moment we \_\_\_\_\_ over the desert.  
have flying  
flied  
are flying

7. I \_\_\_\_\_ what you said.  
am thinking about  
am thinking  
think about  
think

8. Look! David and Max \_\_\_\_\_ home.  
come  
are coming  
have come



*Thank you for  
your attantion*

