

Present Progressive

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1 Grammar Notes

A. Form

Present Progressive
Pattern:

be + -ing verb

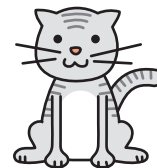
The **present progressive** (also called present continuous) has two parts: the *be* verb and the present participle (*-ing* form) of the verb.

Pronouns

	First Person	Second Person	Third Person
Singular	I am running .	You are running .	He / She / It is running .
Plural	We are running .	You are running .	They are running .

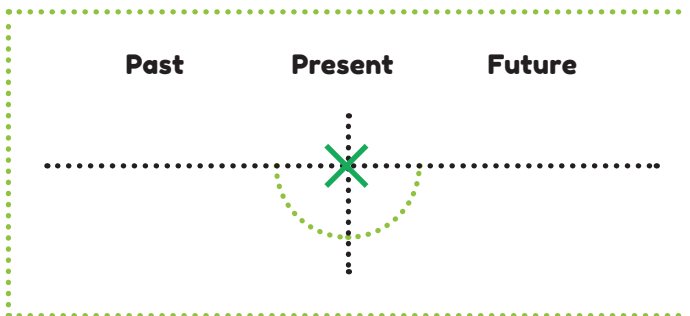
Nouns

	Examples
Singular Count Nouns (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My friend is running. • My cat is eating.
Plural Count Nouns (2 or more)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My classmates are running. • The children are sleeping.
Non-Count Nouns (we can't count how many)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water is running down the drain. • The snow is melting.



1 Grammar Notes cont.

B. Use



We use the present progressive when an action is happening **now**. It is a continuing action.

Common Time Markers	Examples
now	She is studying now.
right now	He is calling you right now.
nowadays	My friend is taking piano lessons nowadays.
these days	We are learning English these days.
at the moment	The boy is playing hockey at the moment.
at this time	They are taking a test at this time.

Did you know?

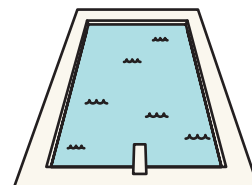
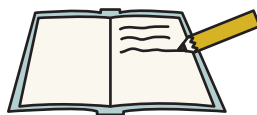
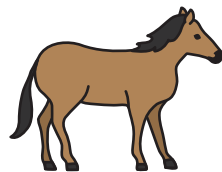
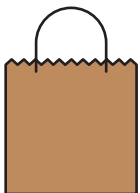
Non-action verbs are verbs that aren't an action (= no movement). These verbs usually can't be in the present progressive tense. The present progressive is for **action** verbs.

- ✓ She **is** hungry now.
- ✗ She **is being** hungry now.
- ✓ He **has** a dog.
- ✗ He **is having** a dog.
- ✓ **Do you like** pizza?
- ✗ **Are you liking** pizza?
- ✓ We **know** all the countries in Europe.
- ✗ We **are knowing** all the countries in Europe.
- ✓ Ice cream **tastes** delicious.
- ✗ Ice cream **is tasting** delicious.

2 Multiple-Choice

Choose the correct answer.

- 1 The woman _____ to the store now.
 a) are going
 b) is going
- 2 Shh! The movie _____ .
 a) is starting
 b) are starting
- 3 The horses _____ in the field.
 a) are running
 b) is running
- 4 You _____ in your notebook.
 a) am writing
 b) are writing
- 5 My neighbour _____ the leaves.
 a) is raking
 b) am raking
- 6 I _____ to music right now.
 a) am listening
 b) are listening
- 7 They _____ swimming lessons nowadays.
 a) is taking
 b) are taking
- 8 Everyone _____ baseball at the moment.
 a) are playing
 b) is playing
- 9 The store _____ now.
 a) is closing
 b) are closing
- 10 She _____ with her new doll.
 a) is playing
 b) am playing



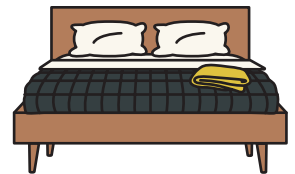
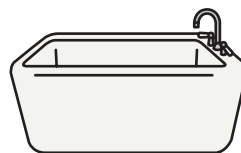
3 Fill in the Blanks

Choose a verb from the box, and write the correct present progressive form in the sentences below.

- 1 We are walking to school at the moment.
- 2 My brother _____ the guitar right now.
- 3 My father _____ coffee.
- 4 I _____ a green sweater today.
- 5 My sister _____ to music now.
- 6 They _____ pancakes for breakfast.
- 7 The boy _____ a bath.
- 8 The children _____ in their beds.

Verbs

- play
- walk
- eat
- listen
- take
- sleep
- drink
- wear

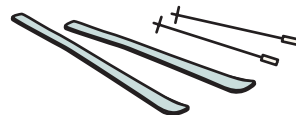
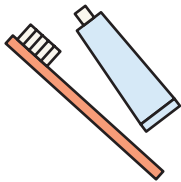


4 Act It Out

Your teacher will give you a card with an action.
Act it out! Your classmates will yell out what you are doing. Guess what your classmates are doing too.

Example

Maria chooses the card “dance.”
She dances in front of the class.
John yells out, “She is dancing!”

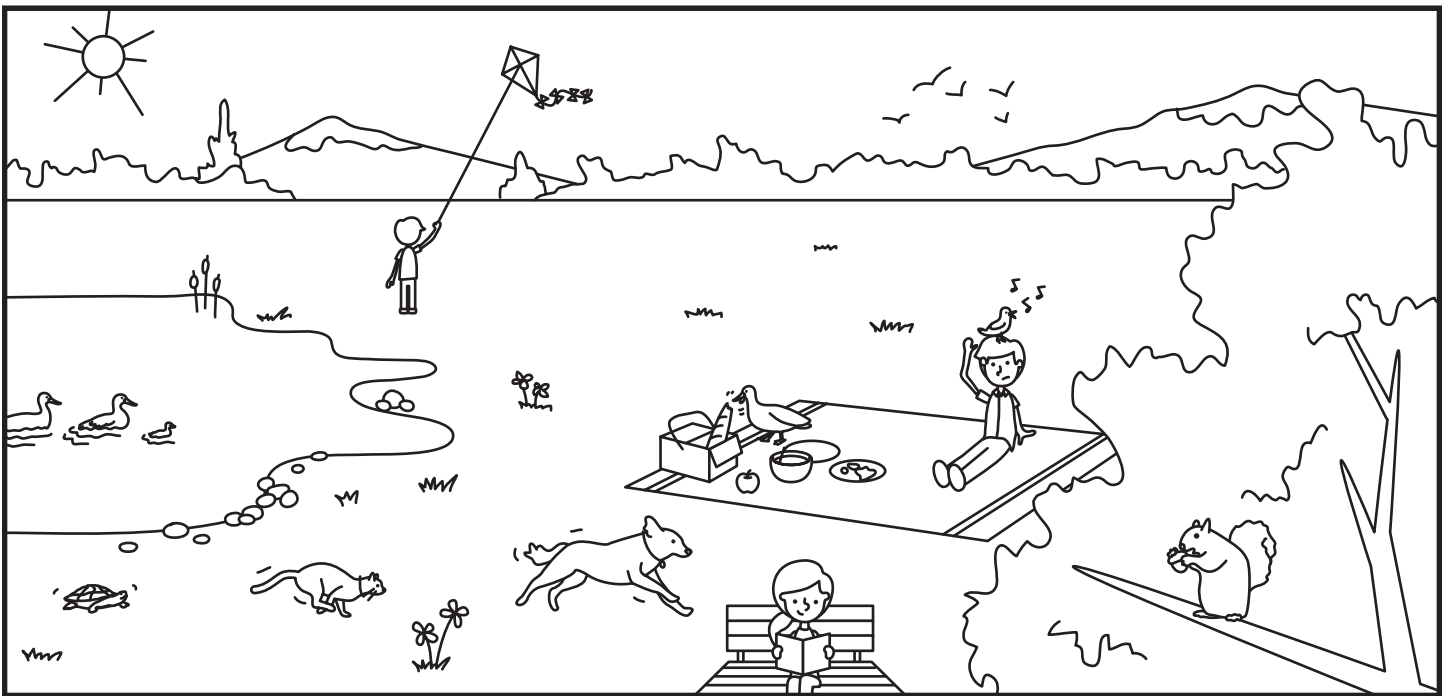


5 Picture Time

Look at the picture.

What are the people and animals doing?

Write 5 sentences using the present progressive tense.



- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

6 Questions & Answers

Questions	Short Answers	
Are you taking a bath?	Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Is he eating dinner?	Yes, he is.	No, he isn't. / No, he's not.
Is she walking to school?	Yes, she is.	No, she isn't. / No, she's not.
Are we learning English together?	Yes, we are.	No, we aren't. / No, we're not.
Are they doing their homework?	Yes, they are.	No, they aren't. / No, they're not.

A. Short Answers

Write a short answer for each question using the words in parentheses.

1 Is she playing basketball right now?
(no)

No, she isn't.

2 Are they going to the mall now?
(yes)

3 Is he taking guitar lessons nowadays?
(yes)

4 Are you eating breakfast right now?
(no)

5 Are they playing cards?
(no)

Did you know?

We can't answer "Yes" with a contraction.

- ✗ Yes, I'm.
- ✗ Yes, he's.
- ✓ Yes, I am.
- ✓ Yes, he is.

6 Questions & Answers cont.

B. Questions

Now write the question for each answer using the words in parentheses.

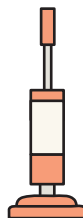
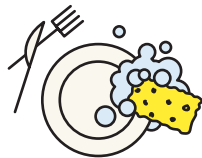
1 **Are they talking on the phone?**
Yes, they are. (talk on the phone)

2
No, I'm not. (wash the dishes)

3
Yes, he is. (clean his room now)

4
Yes, she is. (feed her dog)

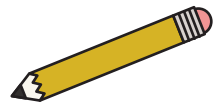
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No, they aren't. (watch TV right now)



7 Pair Work (Student A)

First, write 5 questions. Use the words in parentheses to help you. Use the present progressive. Next, ask your partner the questions. Write his or her answers. Use short answers.

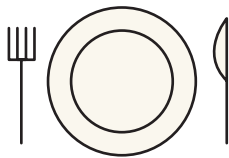
#	Action	Question	Answer
Ex.	(wear a blue shirt)	Are you wearing a blue shirt?	No, she isn't.
1	(wear sneakers)		
2	(study English)		
3	(watch TV)		
4	(talk on the phone)		
5	(hold a pencil)		



7 Pair Work (Student B)

First, write 5 questions. Use the words in parentheses to help you. Use the present progressive. Next, ask your partner the questions. Write his or her answers. Use short answers.

#	Action	Question	Answer
Ex.	(wear a blue shirt)	Are you wearing a blue shirt?	No, she isn't.
1	(sit down)		
2	(eat lunch)		
3	(study grammar)		
4	(wear jeans)		
5	(sing a song)		



8 Present Vs. Present Progressive

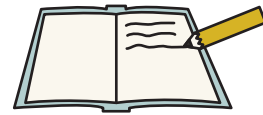
Use the chart below to compare when to use the simple present and present progressive tenses.

	Simple Present	Present Progressive
Form	Base Verb (+ -s)	Be + -ing Verb
Use & Time Markers	<p>Repeated Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> every (every day, every week, every month, every year, etc.) once, twice, three times, etc. (once a week, twice a month, three times a year, etc.) adverbs of frequency (always, almost always, often, usually, sometimes, almost never, never, etc.) 	<p>Continuing Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> now right now nowadays these days at the moment at this time currently presently
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I play volleyball every day. My sister usually eats cookies after school. Do your parents drink coffee every morning? He never goes outside after dark. They always do their homework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are learning many new vocabulary words these days. What are you doing right now? Carla is talking on the phone. The students are taking a test now. They are playing basketball at the moment.

9 Present or Present Progressive?

Fill in the blanks with either the simple present or the present progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

1 She is doing her homework now.
(do)



2 The phone _____ . Please answer it!
(ring)



3 They _____ to the park every afternoon.
(go)

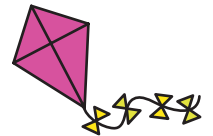


4 He _____ a kite right now.
(fly)

5 My friends often _____ together.
(study)

6 We _____ French nowadays.
(learn)

7 Is the class _____ now?
(start)



8 Do you _____ broccoli?
(like)

9 My cousin never _____ TV.
(watch)



10 The children _____ with a ball at the moment.
(play)



10 Quiz

Circle the correct answer.

- 1 The teacher _____ us homework every day.
a) is giving
b) gives
- 2 He _____ with his new puppy now.
a) is playing
b) plays
- 3 Look outside! It _____ .
a) is raining
b) rains
- 4 Are you _____ a book?
a) reading
b) read
- 5 We _____ two TVs in our house.
a) are having
b) have
- 6 Do you _____ scary movies?
a) liking
b) like
- 7 My friend always _____ to talk on the phone.
a) is wanting
b) wants
- 8 Everyone _____ for you at the moment.
a) is waiting
b) waits
- 9 They aren't _____ attention.
a) paying
b) pay
- 10 Is your friend _____ with us?
a) coming
b) come
- 11 My brother doesn't _____ English.
a) speaking
b) speak
- 12 She _____ happy.
a) is being
b) is