

3- Present Continuous

FORM

Positive

Question

I am -	I'm	working.	Am	I	working?
He She is It	He's She's It's		Is	he she it	
We You are They	We're You're They're		Are	we you they	

Negative with not

Negative with n't

Negative with n't

I am -	I'm	not working	--		working.
He She is It	He's She's It's		he she it	isn't	
We You are They	We're You're They're		we you they	aren't	

a) AM/IS/ARE + -ING

Eg. *I am writing a letter to my parents*

Is he living in London now?

USE

a) For an action in progress now (that is happening at the moment of speaking)

It is the tense that expresses an action that is in progress. The action is temporary that began in the past, is continuing at present, and will probably end at some point in the future.

Eg *I'm reading a grammar book now.*

What are you looking at?

She isn't eating at the moment.

b) When we talk about something which is happening around the time of speaking but not necessarily at the time of speaking.

Eg Tom says:

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I am reading an interesting book at the moment

Tom is not reading the book at the moment of speaking. He means that he has begun the book but hasn't finished it yet.

c) We often use it when we talk about a period around the present (today, this year, etc.).

Eg *You are working hard today.* Yes, I have a lot to do.

d) When we talk about changing situations

Eg *The population of the world is changing continuously*

e) When we talk about non-permanent situations

Eg *She is staying with me until she finds a flat of her own.*

f) With a future meaning, when we are talking about we have already arranged to do.

Eg *A: What are you doing tomorrow evening?*

B: I am going to the theatre.

4- Present Continuous: short answers

FORM

Positive

Negative

Yes	I am -	No,	I'm not.	or	
	He She is It		he She's not. it		he she isn't. it
	We You are They		we You're not. they		we you aren't, they

Notes

- Nouns —• pronouns.

'Are your parents sleeping?'

'Yes, they are.'

- Positive short answers do not use contractions:

Yes, I am. (NOT Yes, I'm)

Yes, they are. (NOT Yes, they're)

- Contractions are used in negative short answers.

'Is she working?'

'No, she isn't'

Practice :

(A) Someone is asking you questions. Write the short answers.

1. 'Are you working at the moment?' 'No, 'I 'm not.
2. 'Are your sisters working now?' 'No, ' they're not.
3. 'Are your parents coming?' 'Yes '.....'
4. 'Is John working at the moment?' 'Yes, '.....'
5. 'Are they playing tennis?' 'No, '.....'
6. 'Are you reading this book?' 'Yes, '.....'
7. 'Is Mary going to school today?' 'No, '.....'
8. 'Is Peter listening to the radio?' 'Yes, '.....'
9. 'Are they doing their homework now?' 'No'.....'
10. 'Is the dog sleeping?' 'Yes, '.....'

(B) Circle the correct time expression:

1. I am studying for a test (every day, at the moment).
2. The first lesson starts at nine o'clock (now, every day).
3. My parents don't work (at the moment, on Fridays).
4. Where are they meeting (twice a week, tonight)?
5. Let's run! The bus is leaving (in five minutes, every hour).
6. Do you wake up late (on weekends, right now)?
7. Dror and his friends go to movies at least (at the moment, once a week).
8. He studies French (four times a week, now).
9. Dafna doesn't visit her parents (every day, now).
10. Is the teacher correcting the works (at the moment, 4 times a week)?

(C) Circle the correct form of the verb:

1. Look! A man (runs, is running, are running) after Gila.
2. The doctor (is taking care of, take care of, take care of) my mother right now.
3. It (are raining, rains, is raining) heavily at the moment.
4. Mother (feed, is feeding, feeds) the baby at night.
5. Many children (are playing, play, plays) in the park every afternoon.
6. The boys (is planning, are planning, plan) the trip today.
7. Oded rarely (dance, is dancing, dances) at parties.
8. We (move, are moving, moves) to the new office tomorrow.
9. I don't like to drive (now, at night).
10. How often (does, is, do) Oren and Ben met?

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(D) Rewrite each sentence as a positive or negative sentence, or a question, according to the instructions.

1. She's watching television now. (question)

Is she watching television now?

2. He isn't staying at this hotel, (positive)

He's staying at the hotel.

3. She's reading, (negative)

She isn't reading.

4. They're working, (question)

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5. He's writing a letter, [question)

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6. He's eating, (negative)

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7. I'm not working, (positive)

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8. She's studying at the moment, (question)

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9. I'm sleeping, (negative)

.....

10. You're reading my newspaper, (question)

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11. She's writing a letter, (question)

.....

12. He's talking to Mary, (question)

.....

13. They're not playing football, (positive)

.....

14. He's listening to the radio, (question)

.....

15. You're playing with my football, (question)

.....

(E) **Present Simple/Present Continuous**

Practice - : In your notebook, write these sentences putting the verbs into the correct tense.

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1. She (read) at the moment.

She's reading at the moment.

2. (You go) to work by car?

Do you go to work by car?

3. I (not watch} television every night.

/ don't watch television every night.

4. I (not watch) television at the moment.

I'm not watching television at the moment.

5. We {see]our parents every week.

6. (You listen) to the radio now?

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7. I (not get up)at seven o'clock every morning.

8. Peter (talk)to Susan now.

9. (They work) in the restaurant at the weekends?

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10. She (listen)..... to the radio in her bedroom at the moment.

11. They (not come)to school every day.

12. (You work) now?

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13. The children (go)..... to bed at eight o'clock.

14. I (leave)..... the office every day at five.

15. I'm sorry ;I can't talk to you now. I (go)out.

16. (Peter and Jane work) in London at the moment?

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17. (Mary and Susan drive) to the office every day?

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18. We (go)..... to the beach now.

19. (John listen) to the radio at the moment?

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20. (Your parents sit) in the garden now?

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21. The film (start)every night at eight o'clock.

22. They (not go)to the cinema very often.

23. (You go) into the office every month?

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24. I (not study)..... at the moment.

(F) Present Simple and Continuous: short forms

(A) Someone is asking you questions. Write the short answers.

1. 'Are your brothers working today?' 'Yes,.....'
2. 'Do you speak Italian?' 'No,.....'
3. 'Do you like this school?' 'Yes,.....'
4. 'Do you go to school in London?' 'Yes,.....'
5. 'Is your mother watching television?' 'Yes,.....'
6. 'Do you go to school on Sundays?' 'No,.....'
7. 'Are your parents staying here?' 'No,.....'
8. 'Does the dog sleep in your bedroom?' 'No,.....'
9. 'Do you get up at eight o'clock?' 'Yes,.....'
10. 'Is Mary listening to the stereo?' 'Yes.....'
11. 'Does the film start at six o'clock?' 'No,.....'
12. 'Are the children playing football?' 'Yes,.....'
13. 'Does Susan drive to work?' 'Yes.....'
14. 'Are you reading?' 'No,.....'
15. 'Am I reading your paper?' 'Yes,.....'
16. 'Are they doing the washing up?' 'Yes,.....'
17. 'Do you come to work by bike?' 'No,.....'
18. 'Is John watching television?' 'No,.....'
19. 'Does Paul swim for the school team?' 'Yes,.....'
20. 'Am I sitting in the right place?' 'Yes,.....'
21. 'Do you like reading poetry?' 'No,.....'
22. 'Do we need our coats?' 'No,.....'
23. 'Are Anne and Maria waiting for the bus?' 'Yes,.....'
24. 'Are you enjoying yourself?' 'Yes,.....'
25. 'Is she coming now?' 'No,.....'
26. 'Does he know London well?' 'No,.....'
27. 'Do they like chicken?' 'Yes,.....'

(G) Use either the simple present or the present continuous of the verbs between brackets.

1. Kathy (sit, usually)in the front row in class, but today she (sit) in the last row.
2. Diane can't come to the phone because she (wash) her hair.

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3. Diane (wash) _____her hair every other day or so.
4. Look! It (snow) _____
5. Mike (go, not) _____ to school right now because it is summer.
He (attend) _____ college from September to May every year, but
in the summer he (have, usually) _____ a job at the post office. In
fact, he (work) _____ there this summer.
6. Right now I (look) _____ around the classroom. Ahmed (write)
_____in his book. Carlos (bite)
16. _____ his finger nails.
7. Every Monday, Sally (drive)_____ her kids to football practice.
10. Usually, I (work)_____ as a secretary at ABT, but this summer
I (study)_____ French at a language school in Paris. That is
why I am in Paris.
Shhhhh! Be quiet! John (sleep)_____
8. Don't forget to take your umbrella. It (rain)_____
9. I hate living in Seattle because it (rain, always)_____
10. I'm sorry I can't hear what you (say)_____ because everybody
(talk)_____ so loudly.
11. Justin (write, currently)_____ a book about his adventures in
Tibet. I hope he can find a good publisher when he is finished.
12. Water (consist)_____
of hydrogen and oxygen.
13. I (study)_____ for
two hours every night.
14. He always (eat)_____ a
sandwich for lunch.
15. .She(have) _____ only a
dollar right now.
16. John (sleep)_____ right now.
17. John and Mary
(talk)_____ on the phone.

(H) Fill in the verbs in brackets in the correct form:

1. The neighbor's children _____ (sleep) for 2 hours every afternoon.
2. Uncle Nassim _____ (eat) dinner with us every Friday night.

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3. Where is Mohamed? He _____ (talk) to the teacher about his homework.
4. I often _____ (go) for a walk after supper.
5. Be quiet! Salim _____ (play) the piano.
6. It's five o'clock and we _____ (listen) to the news.
7. My sister _____ (need) some money to buy a new notebook.
8. Mr. Smith _____ (work) thirty-five hours a week.
9. Nabila and Wissal _____ (write) letters to their ant Sara now.

(I) Put the verbs in Present Simple or Present Continuous.

- a) Noemi _____ (sleep) at the moment.
- b) I usually.....(watch) TV in the evening.
- c) My brother_(come) home tomorrow.
- d)(Gerry / understand) the problem?
- e) Oh, no! We can't have a picnic. It.....(rain).
- f) We _____ (not like) jazz.
- g) Marta always_(tell) her kids stories at bedtime.
- h) We _____ (do) a test at the moment.

(J) Choose the right form of the verb.

- a. Peter *is listening / listens* to the radio every night
- b. At the moment she *is watching / watches* TV
- c. I always *buy / am buying* a new book at weekends
- d. What *does she do / is she doing* for a living ?
- e. I *don't believe / am not believing* in ghosts.

(K) Fill in the gaps using Present Simple or Present Continuous.

- a. At the moment Joanne _____ (stand) on the platform. She _____ (go) to work by train every morning.
- b. Francisco _____ (not work) in the shop today. He never _____ (work) on Sunday
- c. They often _____ (play) cards after dinner, but this evening they _____ (listen) to music.
- d. I _____ (not watch) the video because I _____ (not like) horror films
- e. Karen always _____ (get) home at 6.30. She _____ (have) dinner now.