

# PRESENT CONTINUOUS – FORM

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POSITIVE

I am I'm  
You are You're  
He is He's  
She is She's  
It is It's  
We are We're  
They are They're

working.

NEGATIVE

I am not I'm not  
You are not You aren't  
He is not He isn't  
She is not She isn't  
It is not It isn't  
We are not We aren't  
They are not They aren't

working.

QUESTION

Am I  
Are you  
Is he  
Is she  
Is it  
Are we  
Are they

working?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes, I am  
Yes, you are  
Yes, he is  
Yes, she is  
Yes, it is  
Yes, we are  
Yes, they are

No, I am not  
No, you are not  
No, he is not  
No, she is not  
No, it is not  
No, we are not  
No, they are not

No, I'm not  
No, you aren't  
No, he isn't  
No, she isn't  
No, it isn't  
No, we aren't  
No, they aren't

## -ING SPELLING

work  
study

working  
studying

GENERAL RULE: add **-ing**

live  
make

living  
making

Consonant + **-e** : delete **-e** and add **-ing**

run  
swim

running  
swimming

Consonant + vowel + consonant (stressed):  
double the consonant + **-ing**

## Present continuous

now, these days, this week, at present, etc.  
Look! Listen!

- 1 Actions in progress; things that are happening now or 'around now'.  
*I'm watching a new series now. Listen! The neighbours are having an argument. What are you doing?*
- 2 Future arrangements (with a future time expression)  
*I'm seeing the dentist at 6. We are getting married next week. I'm flying to New York tomorrow morning.*

Non-action verbs (stative verbs) are never in continuous forms.

Verbs of the senses (*hear, see, smell, etc.*), verbs of opinion (*believe, consider, like, love, hate, prefer, think, etc.*) verbs of possession (*have, own, belong, etc.*). Other common non-action verbs are: *agree, be, depend, need, mean, remember, realise, recognize, seem, want, etc.*



# PRESENT SIMPLE FORM

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POSITIVE	I	}	work
	You		
	He	}	works
	She		
	It		
	We	}	work
	They		

NEGATIVE	I	}	do not work don't work
	You		
	He	}	does not work doesn't work
	She		
	It		
	We	}	do not work don't work
	They		

QUESTION	Do	}	I you	}	work?
	Does				
		she			
		it			
	Do	we			
		they			

SHORT ANSWER	Yes,	I	}	do.
		you		
		he	}	does.
		she		
		it		
		we	}	do.
		they		

No,	I	}	do not. don't.
	you		
	he	}	does not. doesn't.
	she		
	it		
	we	}	do not. don't.
	they		

 <b>NEGATIVE</b>
 He doesn't works.
 He doesn't work.
 <b>QUESTION</b>
 Does she works?
 Does she work?

## Present simple

always, never, usually, often, rarely, etc.  
once every three months, twice a week, etc.

- 1** Habitual, regular actions in the present.  
*I wash my hair every day. I never go to the library. She works as a nurse. He lives in Glasgow.*
- 2** Present states. Things that are always or generally true.  
*I don't drink coffee. She's very tall. I have two brothers. Water boils at 100 degrees. I like soup.*
- 3** To talk about the future in first conditional and future time clauses (*when, as soon as, after, before, once, while*)  
*I'll call you as soon as I arrive. When I am 67, I will retire. Send us a postcard while you are there.*
- 4** Future timetabled events (trains, classes, etc.)  
*The train leaves at 7 a.m. What time does the movie start tonight? The exams start on Monday.*

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**D** Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 I **work** / am working at the local library for the summer.
- 2 We don't go / aren't going to the theatre very often.
- 3 Stacy **gets** / is getting ready for school, so she can't come to the phone.
- 4 **Does Gary ever talk** / Is Gary ever talking about his expedition to the Amazon jungle?
- 5 In squash, you **hit** / are hitting a ball against a wall.
- 6 I read / am reading a newspaper at least once a week.
- 7 Do you practise / Are you practising the piano for two hours every day?
- 8 Nadine and Claire **do** / are doing quite well at school at the moment.
- 9 A good friend knows / is knowing when you're upset about something.
- 10 How do you spell / are you spelling your name?



**D** Choose the correct answer.

1 You should take ..... a sport and then you would get more exercise.

A off                      B up                      C down

2 I'm trying to work! Could you please turn your music ..... ?

A down                      B in                      C out

3 Just ask and I'm sure the other children will let you join .....

A out                      B up                      C in

4 The referee sent David ..... for arguing with him.

A off                      B down                      C up

5 This is my favourite song! Turn it ..... !

A off                      B out                      C up

6 A mobile phone rang, but the musician just carried ..... playing.

A on                      B up                      C in

7 We can't afford to eat ..... very often.

A off                      B up                      C out

8 I've decided to become a vegetarian and give ..... meat.

A up                      B off                      C out

*Francesco! Problem –  
Maria's borrowed my history  
textbook and she's away.  
Could you lend me yours?  
Leave it with Ken when you  
see him. Thanks, Natalie*


**Whose textbook does Natalie want to borrow?**

- A** Ken's
- B** Maria's
- C** Francesco's





**THIS CAR PARK IS  
LOCKED AFTER  
BUSINESS HOURS  
EACH DAY**

- A Users must lock the car park after leaving.
-  B People can park here while they are at work.
- C This car park is for employees only.



## PLAYERS WANTED



for Friday's basketball match against Barton College – can YOU help the team? Come to the gym at 3 p.m. today, whatever your level.

- A** The basketball team only wants to see experienced players.
- B** There aren't enough team members available on Friday.
- C** The Barton College team will visit the gym later today.



Jo is studying art at university. She usually goes to the cinema on Friday evenings. She enjoys films that are based on real life and from which she can learn something.

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**B** *And Tomorrow We Find You*

A fast-moving adult story about a San Francisco policeman in danger. Based on a real-life happening, it keeps you guessing right until the last minute. Although there are no big stars, there are some fine performances.

**C** *The Ends of the Earth*

A story based on a real-life journey to the South Pole. This film contains some quite wonderful wildlife photography – make sure you see it while you have the chance, or you'll be sorry.

**E** *Out of School*

Here we live through a day in the life of an American teenager who has problems not only with his parents and their boring friends but also with his first girlfriend who just doesn't seem to understand him.

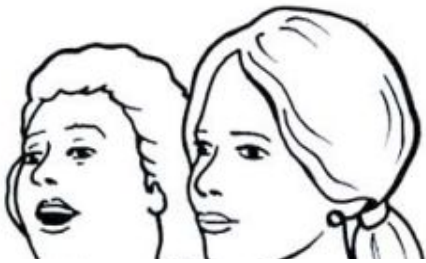
**F** *A Time of Silence*

Don't forget your handkerchief for this story of a young college boy and girl who manage to survive all the pressures of modern life. And what an unforgettable wedding scene!

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You get spectacular scenery and lots of thrills in this action-packed story, in which a young sea-captain rescues terrified villagers from a volcanic island in the South Seas.





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**H** *Who Shot Malone?*

It's a surprise to see so many famous names wasting their time in this dull detective story. In the end you find yourself asking, 'Who cares?'

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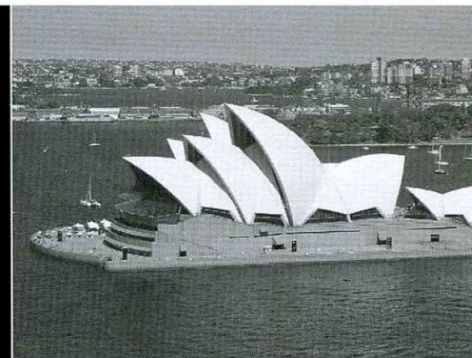


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**AYERS ROCK**

Drive to Yulara National Park. Visit the mysterious Olgas and Ayers Rock with its caves and Aboriginal rock paintings. Fly on to the lively seaside town of Cairns and relax in the sun.

**GREAT BARRIER REEF**

We've included a full day's boat trip on the famous reef with the chance to see amazing, brightly coloured fish and other sea creatures.

**SYDNEY**

You'll love the excitement and beauty of Australia's biggest city – we've included a sightseeing tour and a visit to the famous Opera House. You can also book a day trip to the Blue Mountains.

**MELBOURNE**

We've included a city sightseeing tour – or you can visit the Penguin Parade.

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What is the writer trying to do in the text?

- A** advertise the Activity Centre
- B** describe some people she met
- C** explain how to do certain outdoor sports
- D** say how she spent some free time

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What can the reader learn from the text?

- A when to depend on other people at the Centre
- B how to apply for a place at the Centre
- C** what sort of activities you can experience at the Centre
- D which time of year is best to attend the Centre



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How do you think the writer might describe her weekend?

- A** interesting
- B** relaxing
- C** frightening
- D** unpleasant



Which of the following advertisements describes the Activity Centre?

**A**

**ACTIVITY CENTRE**

Set in beautiful countryside.  
Accommodation and meals provided.  
Make up your own timetable – choose from a variety of activities (horse-riding, fishing, hill-walking, sailing, mountain-biking).

**B**

**ACTIVITY CENTRE**

Set in beautiful countryside.  
Accommodation provided. Work with a group – we show you a range of outdoor activities that you didn't realise you could do!

**C**

**ACTIVITY CENTRE**

Set in beautiful countryside. Enjoy the luxury of our accommodation – each room has its own bathroom. Work with a group, or have individual teaching.

**D**

**ACTIVITY CENTRE**

Set in beautiful countryside. You can spend the day doing outdoor activities and we will find your accommodation with a local family.