

# *Времена группы Continuous*

*Present Continuous, Past Continuous , Future Continuous*

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# Part 1

## ▣ Present Continuous



# Образование Present Continuous

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AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	INTERROGATIVE
I <b>am</b> <b>reading</b>	I <b>am</b> <b>not</b> <b>reading</b>	<b>Am</b> I <b>reading?</b>
He <b>is</b> <b>reading</b>	He <b>is</b> <b>not</b> <b>reading</b>	<b>Is</b> he <b>reading?</b>
She <b>is</b> <b>reading</b>	She <b>is</b> <b>not</b> <b>reading</b>	<b>Is</b> she <b>reading?</b>
It <b>is</b> <b>reading</b>	It <b>is</b> <b>not</b> <b>reading</b>	<b>Is</b> it <b>reading?</b>
We <b>are</b> <b>reading</b>	We <b>are</b> <b>not</b> <b>reading</b>	<b>Are</b> we <b>reading?</b>
You <b>are</b> <b>reading</b>	You <b>are</b> <b>not</b> <b>reading</b>	<b>Are</b> you <b>reading?</b>
They <b>are</b> <b>reading</b>	They <b>are</b> <b>not</b> <b>reading</b>	<b>Are</b> they <b>reading?</b>

**I'm reading**  
**She's reading**  
**We're reading**

**She isn't reading**  
**We aren't reading**



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□ To be (is, am, are) + Ving

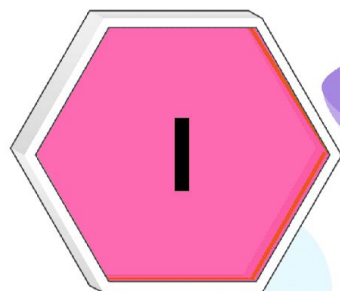
□ I am working

□ Am I working?

□ I am not working.

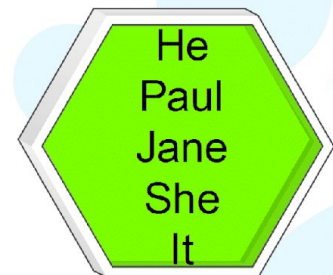


# Present continuous



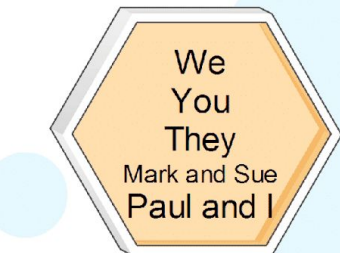
am  
'm

am not  
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is  
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isn't



are  
're

are not  
aren't

playing  
doing  
going  
swimming  
running  
listening  
eating

1 syllable ending 1 vowel + 1  
consonant

get - getting  
sit - sitting  
skip - skipping  
swim - swimming

lie and die

lie - lying  
die - dying

travel, regret

travel - travelling  
regret - regretting

verbs ending with -e

take - taking  
make - making  
shake - shaking

all other verbs

do - doing  
say - saying

all other verbs

play - playing  
go - going

all other verbs

eat - eating  
kiss - kissing

# Present Continuous используется для:

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- 1) обозначения действий, происходящих в данный момент речи

Пример: Listen! The telephone is ringing!

- 2) обозначения будущего действия, которое заранее было запланировано

Пример: She is leaving tomorrow.

- 3) выражения критики или раздражения

Пример: She is always interrupting me!

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# Present Continuous используется для:

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- 4) описания 2-х действий, одно из которых в процессе

Пример: I never speak while I am working.

- 5) описания действий, которые происходят сейчас, но не в данный момент речи

Пример 1: The population of the world is increasing very fast.

- 6) Present Continuous также используется со словами  
*today, this week, this year*

Пример: You are working hard today.

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# Слова подсказки:

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- Now
- At the moment
- At present
- Still
- Nowadays
- Today
- Tonight





# Exercise 1

The sentences on the right follow those on the left. Which sentence goes with which?

- 1 Please don't make so much noise.
- 2 I need to eat something soon.
- 3 I don't have anywhere to live right now.
- 4 We need to leave soon.
- 5 They don't need their car any more.
- 6 Things are not so good at work.
- 7 It isn't true what they said.
- 8 We're going to get wet.

- a It's getting late.
- b They're lying.
- c It's starting to rain.
- d They're trying to sell it.
- e I'm getting hungry.
- f ~~I'm trying to work.~~
- g I'm looking for an apartment.
- h The company is losing money.

- 1 f
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....

## Complete the conversations.

- 1 A: I saw Brian a few days ago.  
B: Oh, did you? What's he doing these days? (what / he / do)  
A: He's at university.  
B: ..... ? (what / he / study)  
A: Psychology.  
B: ..... it? (he / enjoy)  
A: Yes, he says it's a very good course.
- 2 A: Hi, Nicola. How ..... ? (your new job / go)  
B: Not bad. It wasn't so good at first, but ..... better now.  
(it / get)  
A: What about Daniel? Is he OK?  
B: Yes, but ..... his work right now. (he / not / enjoy)  
He's been in the same job for a long time and ..... to get bored  
with it. (he / begin)

# Exercise 2

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Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

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|----|---|------------|
| 1  | Water <u>boils</u> at 100 degrees Celsius.                      | OK         |
| 2  | The water <u>boils</u> . Can you turn it off?                   | is boiling |
| 3  | Look! That man <u>tries</u> to open the door of your car.       |            |
| 4  | Can you hear those people? What <u>do they talk</u> about?      |            |
| 5  | The moon <u>goes</u> round the earth in about 27 days.          |            |
| 6  | I must go now. <u>It gets</u> late.                             |            |
| 7  | <u>I usually go</u> to work by car.                             |            |
| 8  | 'Hurry up! It's time to leave.' 'OK, <u>I come</u> .'           |            |
| 9  | I hear you've got a new job. How <u>do you get</u> on?          |            |
| 10 | Paul is never late. <u>He's always getting</u> to work on time. |            |
| 11 | They don't get on well. <u>They're always arguing</u> .         |            |



# Exercise 3

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Put the verb into the correct form, present continuous or present simple.

- 1 Let's go out. It isn't raining (it / not / rain) now.
  - 2 Julia is very good at languages. She speaks (she / speak) four languages very well.
  - 3 Hurry up! ..... (everybody / wait) for you.
  - 4 '..... (you / listen) to the radio?' 'No, you can turn it off.'
  - 5 '..... (you / listen) to the radio every day?' 'No, just occasionally.'
  - 6 The River Nile ..... (flow) into the Mediterranean.
  - 7 The river ..... (flow) very fast today – much faster than usual.
  - 8 ..... (we / usually / grow) vegetables in our garden, but this year  
..... (we / not / grow) any.
  - 9 A: How's your English?  
B: Not bad. I think ..... (it / improve) slowly.
  - 10 Rachel is in New York right now. .... (she / stay) at the Park Hotel.  
..... (she / always / stay) there when she's in New York.
  - 11 Can we stop walking soon? ..... (I / start) to feel tired.
  - 12 A: Can you drive?  
B: ..... (I / learn). My father ..... (teach) me.
  - 13 Normally ..... (I / finish) work at five, but this week  
..... (I / work) until six to earn a little more money.
  - 14 My parents ..... (live) in Manchester. They were born there and have never  
lived anywhere else. Where ..... (your parents / live)?
  - 15 Sonia ..... (look) for a place to live. .... (she / stay)  
with her sister until she finds somewhere.
  - 16 A: What ..... (your brother / do)?  
B: He's an architect, but ..... (he / not / work) at the moment.
  - 17 (at a party) ..... (I / usually enjoy) parties, but  
..... (I / not / enjoy) this one very much.
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## **Part 2**

### **▣ Past Continuous**



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□ To be (was/were) + Ving

□ I was working

□ Was I working?

□ I was not working.



# Образование Past Continuous

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AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	INTERROGATIVE
I was reading	I was not reading	Was I reading?
We were reading	We were not reading	Were we reading?

I wasn't reading  
We weren't reading



# Past Continuous обозначает:

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- 1) длительное действие в определенный момент в прошлом

Пример 1: At 10 o'clock it was still raining.

Пример 2: They were working in the garden from six till eight.

- 2) несколько продолженных действий, происходящих в один момент в прошлом

Пример: I was cooking dinner while she was cleaning the room.



## Past Continuous обозначает:

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- 3) прошедшее длительное действие, которое было прервано другим действием
- Пример 1: While I was having breakfast the telephone rang.
- Пример 2: When she came home I was playing computer games.





# Слова подсказки Past Continuous

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- At 5 o'clock yesterday
- From 5 till 6 yesterday
- For three days last week
- while



# Exercise 1

What were you doing at these times? Write sentences as in the examples. The past continuous is not always necessary (see the second example).

- 1 (at 8 o'clock yesterday evening) *I was having dinner.*
- 2 (at 5 o'clock last Monday) *I was on a bus on my way home.*
- 3 (at 10.15 yesterday morning) .....
- 4 (at 4.30 this morning) .....
- 5 (at 7.45 yesterday evening) .....
- 6 (half an hour ago) .....

Use your own ideas to complete the sentences. Use the past continuous.

- 1 Matt phoned while we *were having dinner* .....
- 2 The doorbell rang while I .....
- 3 The car began to make a strange noise when we .....
- 4 Jessica fell asleep while she .....
- 5 The television was on, but nobody .....



# Exercise 2

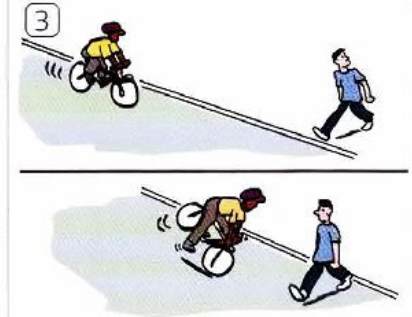
Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.



1 I saw (see) Sue in town yesterday, but she ..... (not / see) me.  
She ..... (look) the other way.



2 I ..... (meet) Tom and Jane at the airport a few weeks ago. They ..... (go) to Paris and I ..... (go) to Rome. We ..... (have) a chat while we ..... (wait) for our flights.



3 I ..... (cycle) home yesterday when a man ..... (step) out into the road in front of me. I ..... (go) quite fast, but luckily I ..... (manage) to stop in time and ..... (not / hit) him.

Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

- 1 Jenny was waiting (wait) for me when I arrived (arrive).
- 2 'What ..... (you / do) at this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'
- 3 '..... (you / go) out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'
- 4 How fast ..... (you / drive) when the accident ..... (happen)?
- 5 Sam ..... (take) a picture of me while I ..... (not / look).
- 6 We were in a very difficult position. We ..... (not / know) what to do.
- 7 I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last ..... (see) him, he ..... (try) to find a job.
- 8 I ..... (walk) along the street when suddenly I ..... (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody ..... (follow) me. I was scared and I ..... (start) to run.
- 9 When I was young, I ..... (want) to be a pilot.
- 10 Last night I ..... (drop) a plate when I ..... (do) the washing-up. Fortunately it ..... (not / break).

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# Part 3

## ▣ Future Continuous



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□ Will + be + Ving



# Образование Future Continuous

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AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	INTERROGATIVE
I will be reading	I will not be reading	Will I be reading?
He will be reading	He will not be reading	Will he be reading?
She will be reading	She will not be reading	Will she be reading?
It will be reading	It will not be reading	Will it be reading?
We will be reading	We will not be reading	Will we be reading?
You will be reading	You will not be reading	Will you be reading?
They will be reading	They will not be reading	Will they be reading?

I'll be reading

I won't be reading

**NOTE:** *Will* is used for all persons (*I, we, he, she, you, etc.*). In British English, *shall* can be used for *I* and *we*.



# Future Continuous обозначает:

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- 1) будущее продолженное действие в определенный момент в будущем

Пример: At 8 o'clock she will be having her early morning cup of tea.

Пример 2: He will be waiting for you at seven in the evening tomorrow.





# Слова подсказки:

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**The Future Continuous** denotes a temporary action taking place at a given moment in the future.

- He **will be writing** a letter to his friend

*at 5 o'clock tomorrow.*

*from 5 to 6 on Sunday.*

*when I come.*

**The Future Continuous** is used with the following adverbials of time: *at five (o'clock) tomorrow, from five to/till six tomorrow, for three days next week, etc.* Most adverbials of time usually go at the end of a sentence.

- They will be writing a test **from 10 till 11 tomorrow.**





# Exercise 1

**Put the verb in brackets into the Present Simple, the Future Simple and the Future Continuous.**

1. When I (get) ..... home, my pets (sit) ..... at the door waiting for me.
2. It (be) ..... the middle of June. They (come) ..... soon.
3. If you (want) ..... to see us, come to Tom's on Sunday. We (wait) ..... for you there at midday.
4. At this time next week they (board) ..... the plane to London.
5. They (have) ..... English from nine to ten in this room.
6. I (wait) ..... for you when you (come) .....
7. "I (call) ..... for her at eight." – "No, don't; she still (sleep) ....."
8. They are so angry. A few more words and they (quarrel) ..... again.