

Present Continuous

am / is / are + verb-ing. 4 exercises + answer key

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

Subject + am/is/are + verb-ing. Actions happening right now or temporary situations around the present.

1 Exercise 1

EASY

Choose the correct present continuous form.

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|---|---|
| 1. Look! The dog ____ in the garden. (is running / runs) | 2. We ____ to your message right now. (are listening / is listening) |
| 3. She ____ a nap on the sofa. (is having / are having) | 4. I can't talk right now, I ____ dinner. (am cooking / is cooking) |
| 5. They ____ a new school. (are building / is building) | 6. He ____ on his phone in class! (is playing / are playing) |
| 7. My sister ____ for her keys. (is looking / looking) | 8. Look at her, she ____! (is crying / are crying) |
| 9. We ____ a brilliant film right now. (are watching / watches) | 10. The children _____. Please be quiet. (are sleeping / is sleeping) |

2 Exercise 2

MEDIUM

Write the correct -ing form of each verb.

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| 1. r u n !' ____ | 2. m a k e !' ____ |
| 3. s i t !' ____ | 4. s t u d y !' ____ |
| 5. s w i m !' ____ | 6. w r i t e !' ____ |
| 7. g e t !' ____ | 8. d a n c e !' ____ |
| 9. p u t !' ____ | 10. b e g i n !' ____ |

3 Exercise 3

HARDER

Choose the correct present continuous form.

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| 1. ____ she ____ to music right now? (Is she listening / Does she listen) | 2. They ____ at us and it is so embarrassing! (are staring / is staring) |
| 3. I ____ the dishes. I'll call you back. (am washing / is washing) | 4. He ____ well today. I think he's tired. (is not working / not work) |
| 5. ____ you ____ anything tomorrow evening? (Are you doing / Do you do) | 6. ____ the sky! It ____ darker every minute. (is getting / gets) |
| 7. We ____ for the bus and it is already twenty minutes late. (are still waiting / are wait) | 8. She ____ Spanish this year at evening classes. (is learning / a) |
| 9. I ____ to music. I prefer silence when I work. (am not listening / don't listen) | 10. ____ with my pen?! (is he doing / does he do) |

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Exercise 4

HARDEST

Write the correct present continuous form of the verb in brackets.

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| 1. She ____ (not/answer) her phone. Maybe she's busy. | 2. We ____ (plan) a surprise party for Emma. |
| 3. He ____ (sit) next to the window at the back. | 4. I ____ (not/feel) very well. I think I have a cold. |
| 5. They ____ (argue) again and I can hear them through the wall. | 6. The cat ____ (sleep) on my laptop keyboard again! |
| 7. She ____ (write) her thesis at the moment. | 8. Look, it ____ (snow)! This is the first snow this year! |
| 9. I ____ (think) about your offer. Give me a few days. | 10. Why ____ he ____ (smile) like that? What does he know? |

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Easy: choose the correct form

1 is running

2 are listening

3 is having

4 am cooking

5 are building

6 is playing

7 is looking

8 is crying

9 are watching

10 are sleeping

2 Exercise 2 Medium: write the -ing form

1 running

2 making

3 sitting

4 studying

5 swimming

6 writing

7 getting

8 dancing

9 putting

10 beginning

3 Exercise 3 Harder: complete the sentence

1 Is she listening

2 are staring

3 am washing

4 is not working

5 Are you doing

6 is getting

7 are still waiting

8 is learning

9 am not listening

10 is he doing

4 Exercise 4 Hardest: write the full form

1 isn't answering

2 are planning

3 is sitting

4 am not feeling

5 are arguing

6 is sleeping

7 is writing

8 is snowing

9 am thinking

10 is he smiling