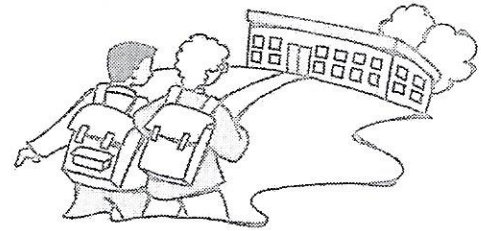


The Present Continuous Tense

The present continuous tense is used to talk about an action that is happening **now**.

Examples: Kevin and Marty are **walking** to school.

You are **reading** this sentence.



1 Affirmative sentences

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When making affirmative sentences about what is happening **now**, follow this word order:

Pronoun	Verb to <i>be</i> + the main verb	Rest of sentence
I	am playing	hockey.
You	are doing	your homework.
He / She	is going	to the arena.
We	are baking	chocolate cookies.
They	are jogging	in the park.

Note: The main verb ends in *ing*.


- Rule 1** Add *ing* to the end of the main verb.
Examples: eat = eating listen = listening
- Rule 2** If a verb ends with an *e*, drop the *e* and add *ing*.
Examples: have = having erase = erasing
- Rule 3** Usually if a verb ends with a consonant + vowel + consonant, double the consonant and add *ing*.
Examples: run = running swim = swimming
- Rule 4** If a verb ends with *ie*, change the *ie* to *y* and add *ing*.
Examples: tie = tying lie = lying

Look at the pictures.

Write affirmative sentences in the present continuous.

1.  Kevin _____ at the pool.

2.  Alex and Jenny _____ TV.

3.  Anna _____ a letter to Jenny.