

Present Progressive Tense

Sample Sentences

- 1 We are studying vocabulary.
- 2 I am listening to music at the moment.
- 3 Mr. Ortiz is losing weight because he is exercising every day.
- 4 Look, it is raining.

Forms of the Present Progressive Tense

The present progressive tense is formed with *am/is/are* and a verb ending in *-ing*.

Subject	be	Verb + -ing
I	am	reading.
You/We/They	are	studying.
He/She/It	is	laughing.

Uses of the Present Progressive Tense

- Use the present progressive tense for an action that is happening right now.
- Use the present progressive tense to show a long-term action that is in progress.
- We do not usually use the present progressive tense with nonaction verbs like *seem*, *see*, *like*, *know*, and *want*. For example, we do not say: *I am liking the weather*.

Spelling Changes

- If the verb ends in a consonant + *e*, drop the *e* before adding *-ing*.
- For a one-syllable verb that ends in a consonant + vowel + consonant (CVC), double the final consonant and add *-ing*.
- Do not double a final *w*, *x*, or *y*.
- For a two-syllable verb that ends in a CVC, double the final consonant only if the last syllable is stressed.

Verb	-ing Form
dance	dancing
stop	stopping
stay	staying
permit	permitting
offer	offering

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentences using the present progressive form of each verb and original content.

- ① wear Tanya's clothes are crazy; today she is wearing purple shoes and socks.
- ② shop I am shopping for a new dog for next week's show.
- ③ bake My mother is baking a cake for Easter.
- ④ begin To prepare for their trip to Spain, Alanna and Rob are beginning to study Spanish.
- ⑤ make Many students are making plans for the D.C. Trip.

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- ① sit Today in class I sat behind Sierra.
- ② plan My friends planned a surprise party for Olivia.
- ③ stay Hailey stayed after school today because she doing homework.
- ④ listen In music class, the students listened to the music of Jazz.
- ⑤ offer This week the cafeteria offered everyone a free smoothie.

Simple Past Tense of Regular Verbs

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Sample Sentences

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- 2 ask/cook My mother asked me to make dinner, so I cooked my favorite meal: potatoes.
- 3 carry Because it was so heavy, I carried my grandmother's suitcase upstairs for her.
- 4 die/pass/crash We almost died last night when a car passed us on the right and crash into us.
- 5 attend All the students attended the assembly.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentences using the simple past tense form of each verb.

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- 2 occur Over 25 years ago, a nuclear disaster occurred in Europe.
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The simple present tense has two forms: the base form and the *-s* form.

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I You We They	read.
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① make

In our class, Joe is the student who makes everyone laugh.

② go/listen

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③ try/act

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② want

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