

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 _____ purple shoes and _____.
- ② shop I _____ for a new _____ for next week's _____.
- ③ bake My mother _____ a cake for _____.
- ④ begin To prepare for their trip to _____, Alanna and Rob _____ to study Spanish.
- ⑤ make Many students _____ plans for _____.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentences using the present progressive form of each verb and original content.

- ① sit Today in class I _____ behind _____.
- ② plan My friends _____ a surprise party for _____.
- ③ stay Hailey _____ after school today because she _____.
- ④ listen In music class, the students _____ to the music of _____.
- ⑤ offer This week the cafeteria _____ everyone a free _____.