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## Present Continuous Tense

1. We use the Present Continuous Tense to talk about activities happening now.

**Format:** Am/is/are (not) + verb-ing = present continuous tense

*Examples*

*The kids **are watching** TV.*

*I **am sitting down**, because I am tired.*

*I **am not learning** German, because this is an English class.*

*Who **are you writing** to?*

2. We can also use the Present Continuous Tense to talk about activities happening around now, and not necessarily this very moment.

*Examples*

*Sakichi **is studying** really hard for her exams this week.*

*I **am reading** a really interesting book now.*

*How **are you brushing up** on your English for the trip?*

*We **aren't working** hard these days.*

3. The Present Continuous Tense is also used to talk about activities happening in the near future, especially for planned future events.

*Examples*

*I **am seeing** my dentist on Wednesday.*

*Ikeda **is coming** for dinner tomorrow.*

***Are you doing** anything tonight?*

*We **aren't going** on holiday next week.*

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### EXERCISES

Choose the correct verb to complete the sentences:

eat            have            lie            play            sit            wait

*Example:*     She \_\_\_\_\_ an apple.

*Answer:*     She is/She's eating an apple.

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ for a bus.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ football.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast.
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ on the table.

Complete the sentences. Use one of these verbs:

build            cook            go            have            stand            stay  
                  swim            work

1. Please be quiet. I \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 'Where's John?' 'He's in the kitchen. He \_\_\_\_\_.'
3. 'You \_\_\_\_\_ on my foot!' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
4. Look! Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ in the river.
5. We're here on holiday. We \_\_\_\_\_ at the Central Hotel.
6. 'Where's Ann?' 'She \_\_\_\_\_ a shower.'
7. They \_\_\_\_\_ a new theatre in the city centre at the moment.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ now. Goodbye.