

## Present Continuous

### USE

We use the present continuous to talk about:

- **actions happening now.**  
*Example: I'm **having** a cup of tea. (= this is happening now)*
- **something that is happening now or around now.**  
*Example: I'm **attending** an illustration course online. (= at the moment)*
- **changing situations.**  
*Example: It's **getting** dark; let's go home. (= at the moment)*
- **temporary or new situations.**  
*Example: I'm **using** my brother's computer now because mine broke down. (= for the moment, but this situation will change)*
- **future arrangements.**  
*Example: I'm **meeting** my friends for dinner tonight.*

### Time expressions and adverbs

We often use these time expressions and adverbs with the present continuous: *currently, at the moment, now, today.*

#### STATIVE VERBS:

Some verbs, called 'stative verbs', are rarely used in the present continuous. These are verbs that describe states.

They are: *be, believe, know, like, look, and understand.*

We usually use the simple present with these verbs.

*Example: She knows a lot about local fauna. (NOT She's knowing a lot...)*

## FORM

**Affirmative and negative:**

I	am am not	reading a book on Greek mythology.
He / She / It	is isn't (is not)	
You / We / They	are aren't (are not)	

**Questions and short answers:**

What	am	I	looking for?
	is	he / she / it	
	are	you / we / they	

Am	I	doing the right exercise?
Is	he / she / it	
Are	you / we / they	

Yes,	I am
	he /she / it is.
	you / we / they are.
No,	I am not.
	he /she / it isn't.
	you / we / they aren't.