



- Present continuous is formed by:  
**subject + be (not) + present participle...**

  - ★ He *is painting* the house.
  - ★ She *isn't painting* the house.

**Questions:**  
**be (not) + subject + present participle... ?**  
**wh + be (not) + subject + present participle... ?**

  - ★ *Isn't she painting the house?*
  - ★ *What are they doing?*
- We use the present continuous:

  - To say that we are in the middle of an action i.e. something is happening at the time of speaking.
    - ★ I'm sitting on a chair.
    - ★ It's raining outside.
  - For an unfinished action i.e. we are in the middle of an action but it isn't actually happening now.
    - ★ I'm reading a book by Agatha Christie.
    - ★ We're quite busy. We're working on a project.
  - For future arrangements.
    - ★ He's seeing his doctor the day after.
    - ★ What are you doing this vacation?
  - For things changing over a long period of time.
    - ★ The roads are getting busier.
    - ★ The population is increasing by leaps and bounds.
- Verbs can be classified as **state** and **action** verbs. **State verbs** generally don't have **-ing** forms. We use a present tense instead.

  - ★ Do you believe in God? (Not, *are believing*)
  - ★ Anna knows the answer. (Not, *is knowing*)
- State verbs are:**

be	belong	believe	consist of	contain
depend on	deserve	hate	know	like
love	matter	mean	own	need
prefer	remember	like	want	realize
suppose	understand	seem		
- We also use the present continuous for a routine or situation that is temporary but a present tense when the situation or routine is permanent.

  - ★ They *are working* at a factory these days. (= a temporary arrangement)
  - ★ They *work* at the factory. (= a permanent arrangement)
- When we express a permanent quality we use **be** form, and **be being** for a temporary behaviour.

  - ★ Lohesh *is* an honest boy.
  - ★ These people *are being* honest (but they're actually dishonest).