



- 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).