PRATIK DERS

Present Continuous Tense

Ders kategorisi: Mësimet në gjuhë angleze

> Form am, is or are plus verb-ing for actions happening now, temporary situations, changing trends and future arrangements. Includes the -ing spelling rules and the stative verbs that avoid the continuous.

Present Continuous Tense

The present continuous describes something **in progress** rather than something generally true. It is built from the present of **be** plus the **-ing** form of the main verb, and it covers four main ideas: happening now, temporary, changing, and already arranged for the future.

Learning objectives

- Build the tense with **am / is / are + verb-ing**.
- Use it for actions now, temporary situations, trends and future arrangements.
- Apply the **-ing** spelling rules.
- Recognise the stative verbs that do not normally take this form.

Meaning and usage

Use	Example	Typical marker
Happening at this moment	*She **is reading** a book.*	now, right now
Around this period	*I'**m studying** for my exams.*	these days, this week
Temporary situation	*He'**s staying** with friends.*	at the moment
Changing or developing	*Prices **are rising**.*	more and more
Future arrangement	*We'**re meeting** at eight.*	tomorrow, on Friday
Irritating repetition (with always)	*He'**s always losing** his keys.*	always, constantly

The form

Subject	Affirmative	Negative	Question
I	I'm working	I'm not working	Am I working?
you	you're working	you aren't working	Are you working?
he / she / it	he's working	he isn't working	Is he working?

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Subject	Affirmative	Negative	Question
we	we're working	we aren't working	Are we working?
they	they're working	they aren't working	Are they working?

Short answers use *be*, not *do*: *Yes, I **am**. / No, she **isn't**.*

Spelling rules for -ing

Ending	Rule	Examples
most verbs	add **-ing**	*work → working; play → playing*
silent -e	drop the **e**	*make → making; write → writing*
one vowel + one consonant, stressed	double the consonant	*sit → sitting; run → running; begin → beginning*
-ie	ie → **y**	*lie → lying; die → dying*
-ee, -ye, -oe	keep the **e**	*see → seeing; agree → agreeing*
British -l after a vowel	double the **l**	*travel → travelling* (US: traveling)

Stative verbs

Verbs of thinking, feeling, possession and the senses normally avoid the continuous: *know, believe, understand, want, need, like, love, hate, prefer, own, belong, seem, contain, cost.*

Some verbs change meaning between the two forms:

Verb	Simple (state)	Continuous (action)
think	*I **think** you're right.* (opinion)	*I'**m thinking** about it.* (mental activity)
have	*She **has** a car.* (possession)	*She'**s having** lunch.* (eating)
see	*I **see** what you mean.* (understand)	*I'**m seeing** the doctor.* (meeting)
taste	*It **tastes** good.* (quality)	*He'**s tasting** the soup.* (action)

Signal words and time expressions

now, right now, at the moment, currently, today, this week, these days, still, at present, look!, listen!

Common mistakes

Mistake	Correct	Why
She working now.	**She is working now.**	*be* is required
I am go to school.	**I am going to school.**	the *-ing* form is required
He is writting.	**He is writing.**	drop the silent *e*, no doubling

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Mistake	Correct	Why
I am wanting a coffee.	**I want a coffee.**	stative verb
Do you working?	**Are you working?**	the auxiliary is *be*
I am studing.	**I am studying.**	*y* is kept before *-ing*

Learning tips

1. Describe a photograph aloud. Every sentence will naturally be present continuous.
2. Memorise the doubling rule with three examples: *sitting, running, beginning*.
3. Whenever you write a continuous form, check the verb is not stative.

Summary checklist

- Is there a form of **be** before the **-ing** verb?
- Is the **-ing** spelling correct?
- Is the verb dynamic rather than stative?
- Do my questions and short answers use *be*, not *do*?

Shpjegim në gjuhën shqipe

Rregulli i anglishtes, i shpjeguar në shqip

Kjo kohë ndërtohet me foljen **be** në kohën e tashme (*am, is, are*) plus foljen kryesore me mbaresën **-ing**. Folja ndihmëse është *be*, prandaj pyetja bëhet me përmbysje dhe mohimi me *not*, kurrë me *do*.

Drejtshkrimi i **-ing** ndjek disa rregulla: shumica e foljeve e marrin drejtpërdrejt; foljet që mbarojnë me *-e* të pazëshme e humbin atë (*make* → *making*); foljet njërrokëshe me një zanore dhe një bashkëtingëllore e dyfishojnë bashkëtingëlloren (*sit* → *sitting*); foljet me *-ie* e kthejnë atë në *y* (*lie* → *lying*).

Koha përdoret për katër kuptime: veprim që po ndodh tani; situatë e përkohshme rreth kësaj periudhe; ndryshim ose zhvillim; dhe marrëveshje e caktuar për të ardhmen.

Ashtu si më lart, **foljet e gjendjes** nuk e marrin këtë formë. Disa folje e ndryshojnë kuptimin midis dy formave, si *have*, *think*, *see* dhe *be*.

Ekuivalenti në gjuhën shqipe

Kjo është një nga rastet ku dy gjuhët përputhen shumë mirë. Forma angleze **am / is / are + verb-ing** i përgjigjet gati saktësisht ndërtimit shqip me pjesëzën **po** + folja në kohën e tashme.

Anglisht	Shqip
I am reading.	**Po** lexoj.
She is working.	Ajo **po** punon.
They are waiting.	Ata **po** presin.

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Anglisht	Shqip
It is raining.	**Po** bie shi.

Ekuivalenti më i afërt në gjuhën shqipe është pra pjesëza **po**. Ekziston edhe ndërtimi *jam duke lexuar*, i cili është më i rëndë dhe përdoret më rrallë në ligjërimin e përditshëm.

Përdorimet dhe ekuivalentët

Përdorimi	Anglisht	Shqip
Tani	*She is reading a book.*	Ajo po lexon një libër.
Rreth kësaj periudhe	*I'm studying for my exams.*	Këto ditë po përgatitem për provimet.
Gjendje e përkohshme	*He's staying with friends.*	Ai po rri te shokët.
Ndryshim në zhvillim	*Prices are rising.*	Çmimet po rriten.
Marrëveshje për të ardhmen	*We're meeting at eight.*	Takohemi në orën tetë.

Kujdes: te rasti i fundit shqipja nuk e përdor *po*. Marrëveshja për të ardhmen shprehet me kohën e tashme të thjeshtë ose me *do të*. Prandaj *We're meeting at eight* nuk përkthehet me *po takohemi*.

Foljet që nuk marrin formën e vazhduar

Anglishtja i ndalon foljet e gjendjes në këtë formë. Shqipja e lejon *po* me shumicën e foljeve, prandaj ky kufizim duhet mësuar posaçërisht.

Shqip	Anglisht e saktë	Gabimi tipik
E di përgjigjen.	**I know the answer.**	*I am knowing*
Dua një kafe.	**I want a coffee.**	*I am wanting*
Më pëlqen kjo këngë.	**I like this song.**	*I am liking*
Ai ka një makinë.	**He has a car.**	*He is having a car*

Disa folje e ndryshojnë kuptimin: *He **is having** lunch* është e saktë, sepse aty *have* do të thotë «ha», jo «zotëron» — në shqip **po ha drekë**.

Gabime të zakonshme të folësve të shqipes

Gabimi	E saktë	Pse
She working now.	**She is working now.**	folja *be* është e detyrueshme
I am go to school.	**I am going to school.**	kërkohet forma me *-ing*
Do you working?	**Are you working?**	ndihmësja është *be*, jo *do*
Every day I am going to work.	**Every day I go to work.**	zakoni kërkon të tashmen e thjeshtë

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Gabimi	E saktë	Pse
He is writting.	**He is writing.**	bie *e*-ja, pa dyfishim

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