

Present continuous part 1: positive forms

Pull out the flashcards that have the subject pronouns on (I, you, she, etc) and some verbs (e.g. make, sing, mix up, find, wear, sit, say, fly...)

Lay them out in a column on a table and take out 8 miniboard. On one write 'am' and ask the student to match it to the person it belongs to (=I).

Ask the student to write the correct words for the other people and put the miniboard next to the pronouns (e.g 'are' for you, 'is' for she, he and it...).

Then take another miniboard and write **+ing** on it, and put it at the left hand side of the columns, leaving a gap for the student to place the verb cards.

Ask him/her to choose a verb and make a sentence for each person, adding further information if necessary (e.g. I am flying in the sky; She is sitting by the house...)

Say the sentences with the student and act them out if possible.

NB: *Don't worry too much about spelling at this point – we will talk about when to double the consonants in another lesson.*

Play with these for as long as necessary until the student seems to have the idea / loses concentration. You will be returning to this in the next lesson anyway.

Show the student the key sentence and picture and ask him/her if she thinks that *all* chickens *always* wear socks, or if this chicken *always* wears socks (*always* = *every day*). Find another picture of the chicken (e.g. in book 1) to prove they **don't** always wear socks.

Do the same asking about jackets.

Explain that if something is always, often or usually the case we just say

'He wears socks.'

But if it something that is happening today, right now, or for a short time we say

'He **is wearing** socks' to make it clear this is not usual / always true.

Go through the examples in the table and help the student to understand the difference in the meanings of the sentences.

Finally, ask how we make the present continuous and check that s/he can see that we need am / is / are +-----ing to make the present continuous.

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Look at the sentence and the picture:

The chicken on the clock **is wearing** a black jacket and socks.

Do *all* chickens wear socks?

Does this chicken *always* wear socks?

Do *all* chickens wear jackets?

Does this chicken *always* wear socks?



When we want to talk about what is happening TODAY or RIGHT NOW we can use the present continuous to make it clear this is just for a short time.

present simple always / often / usually / never	present continuous today / right now / for a short time
I always wear socks. Dad often wears a jacket. The children usually wear jeans. Mum never wears glasses.	I am wearing blue socks today. He is wearing a grey jacket right now. The boys are wearing black trousers today. Grandma is wearing glasses because she is reading.

What we do need to make the present continuous?

am / is / are + _____ing