3 Present continuous (9-11)

Present continuous – uso

Il present continuous si usa per parlare di azioni che vengono viste come temporanee e in corso di svolgimento.

- It's raining.
- I’m having driving lessons.
- Your English is improving.

In genere non si usa il present continuous per parlare di stati d’animo, pensieri, sentimenti e intuizioni.

- You look tired.

Present continuous – forma

Forma affermativa (completa)

- I am
- he/she/it is
- you/we/they are
- working

Forma contratta

- I’m
- he/she/it’s
- you/we/they’re
- working
Forma negativa (contratta)

- I’m ➔ not
- he ➔ isn’t ➔ working
- she ➔ isn’t ➔ working
- it ➔ isn’t ➔ working
- you ➔ aren’t
- we ➔ aren’t
- they ➔ aren’t

Domande

- am ➔ I
- is ➔ he ➔ she ➔ it
- are ➔ you ➔ we ➔ they

Risposte brevi
Usa la forma affermativa o negativa di be. Per esempio:

Yes, I am.   No, I’m not.
Yes, he is.   No, he isn’t.
1 Completa le frasi con la forma corretta dei verbi del riquadro.

| have | listen | play | rain | wait | wear |

- Look outside. It’s **raining**.
  1. I ____ ________ to music now, so don’t talk to me.
  2. My sister’s learning to drive. She ____ ________ driving lessons.
  3. Are you cold today? You ____ ________ gloves!
  4. My brothers aren’t here. They ____ ________ football in the park.
  5. We ____ ________ for the bus. It’s late.

2 Riscrivi le frasi alla forma negativa. Usa la forma contratta.

- It’s snowing.
  It **isn’t** snowing.

  1. I’m reading.
     I ________ reading.

  2. They’re running.
     They ________ running.

  3. She’s writing.
     She ________ writing.

  4. We’re watching a film.
     We ________ watching a film.

  5. He’s laughing.
     He ________ laughing.
3 Compléta le domande per queste risposte.

- A: Where **are** you **going**?
  B: I’m going to the shops.

1 A: ____ it ________?
  B: Yes, it is. Take your umbrella.

2 A: Who ____ Jenny ________ to?
  B: She’s talking to her cousin.

3 A: ____ you ________ for someone?
  B: Yes, I am. I’m waiting for Julia.

4 A: What ____ you ________?
  B: I’m watching a programme about the Arctic.

5 A: ____ Mum ________ dinner?
  B: Yes, she’s cooking risotto.

4 Scegli l’alternativa corretta tra il present simple o il present continuous.

- Usualy **I work** / **I working** in Rome, but **I work** / **I’m working** in Genoa this week.

1 Please be quiet! **I try** / **I’m trying** to listen to the radio.

2 We **play** / **are playing** tennis every Sunday.

3 George **is having** / **has** a guitar lesson, so you can’t speak to him at the moment.

4 Stop! Where **do you go** / **are you going**? It’s late. You can’t go out now.

5 My mum **buys** / **is buying** ice cream for us every week.
5 Completa i dialoghi con il present simple o il present continuous dei verbi tra parentesi.

A: What **are** Peter and Sue (do) **doing**?
   B: They’re (play) **playing** a computer game.
      They (play) **play** computer games every night.

2 A: What _____ you (read) _______?
   B: Match. It’s a football magazine.
      I (buy) _______ it every week.

3 A: Which one is Robert?
   B: He _____ (stand) _______ next to the window.
      He _____ (talk) _______ to James.

4 A: What _____ you (eat) _______?
   It (look) _______ delicious.
   B: It’s risotto. I always (have) _______ it in this restaurant.

5 A: What _____ Suzy (wear) _______?
   B: I don’t know. But it’s very strange.