

# PRESENT CONTINUOUS (-ING form)

**detto anche** PRESENT PROGRESSIVE  
-ING FORM

**si usa**

per esprimere un'AZIONE CHE SI STA SVOLGENDO IN QUESTO MOMENTO

to describe an action which is in progress at the moment of speaking

usually with time expressions such as

- now
- at the moment
- right now
- ...

We are watching a new movie at the cinema

per esprimere un'AZIONE TEMPORANEA, che si svolge in un LASSO DI TEMPO LIMITATO

to express a temporary action, which takes place in a limited period of time

You are working hard today

per esprimere QUALCOSA DI GIÀ PROGRAMMATO CHE AVVERRÀ IN FUTURO

to describe a plan or arrangement in the future (you have already made an appointment or booked ... you know that you have to do it)

usually with time expression such as

- this week
- tomorrow
- this Wednesday

We are moving to Mexico in the summer

**AFFIRMATIVE FORM**

SUBJECT to BE VERB + ING ...

THEY ARE TALKING about pop music

**NEGATIVE FORM**

SUBJECT to BE NOT VERB + ING ...

SHE ISN'T WATCHING TV

**INTERROGATIVE FORM**

to BE SUBJECT VERB + ING ...?

ARE YOU WRITING an e-mail?

**SHORT ANSWERS**

Question YES, SUBJECT to BE

Are you swimming? YES, I AM

Question NO, SUBJECT to BE NOT

Is he swimming? NO, HE ISN'T