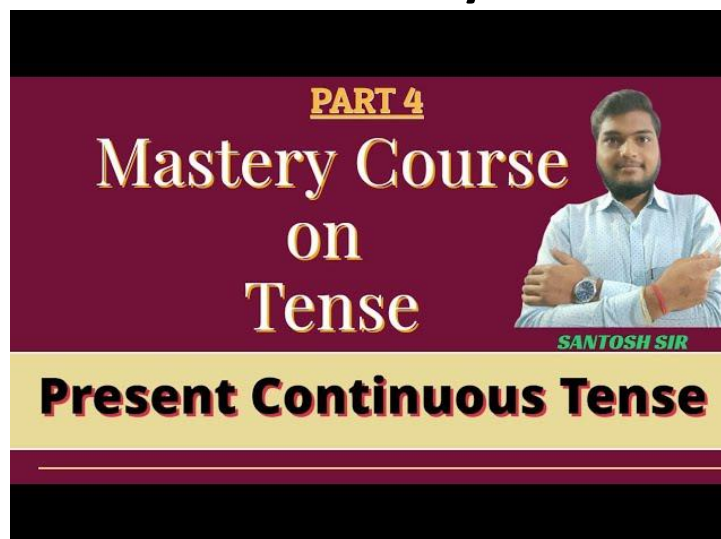


Namaste English Mastery Course on Tenses By Santosh Sir

Introduction to the course

1. You will get thorough knowledge of Tenses from Zero to Advanced level.
2. You will be able to form sentences in English and will be able to speak too.
3. Your spoken as well as written part will improve.
4. Your Written English part will be rhetoric.
5. These classes will help in your Competitions exam too.

Tenses Day 4



Present Continuous Tense

Reconization (पहचान) :-

इस tense में कार्य जारी रहता है | Present continuous tense के हिन्दी वाक्यों के अन्त में रहा है, रही है, रहे हैं, रहा हूँ, रही हूँ, रहे हो आदि शब्द आते हैं

For Example

- अब मैं घर जा रहा हूँ |

Now I'm going.

- वर्षा नहीं हो रही है |

It's not raining.

- क्या वह आज भी क्रिकेट खेल रहा है ?

Is he playing cricket today?

- तुम अपना काम क्यों नहीं कर रहे हो |

Why are you not doing your work?

The structure of the Present Continuous tense is:

subject	+	auxiliary <i>be</i>	+	main verb
		conjugated in Present Simple		



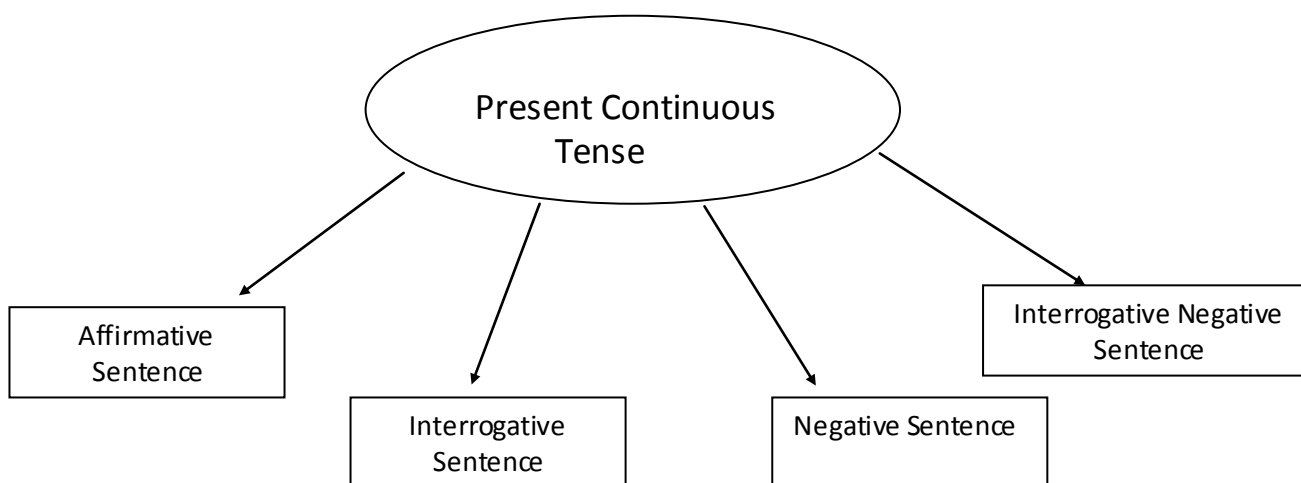
		am, are, is		present participle (-ing)
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The auxiliary verb (be) is conjugated in the Present Simple: *am, are, is*

The main verb is invariable in present participle form: *-ing*

For negative sentences we insert **not** between the auxiliary verb and the main verb.

For question sentences, we **exchange** the subject and the auxiliary verb.



Look at these example sentences with the Present Continuous tense:

	subject	auxiliary verb		main verb	
+	I	am		speaking	to you.
+	You	are		reading	this.



	subject	auxiliary verb		main verb	
-	She	is	not	staying	in London.
-	We	are	not	playing	football.
?	Is	he		watching	TV?
?	Are	they		waiting	for John?

How do we use the Present Continuous tense?

We use the Present Continuous to talk about:

- action happening now
- action in the future

Present Continuous for action happening now

a) for action happening **exactly now**

I am eating my lunch.		
past	present	future
	The action is happening now.	

Look at these images. Right now you are looking at this screen and at the same time...

		
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the pages **are turning**the candle **is burning**the numbers **are spinning**b) for action happening **around now**

The action may not be happening exactly now, but it is happening just before and just after now, and it is not permanent or habitual.

John **is looking** for a new job.

past

present

Future

The action is happening "around" now.

Look at these examples:

- Muriel **is learning** to drive.
- I **am living** with my sister until I find an apartment.

Present Continuous for the future

We can also use the Present Continuous tense to talk about the **future** - if we add a **future word**!! We must add (or understand from the context) a future word. "Future words" include, for example, **tomorrow**, **next year**, **in June**, **at Christmas** etc. We only use the Present Continuous tense to talk about the future when we have planned to do something before we speak. We have already **made a decision and a plan** before speaking.

I **am taking** my exam next month.

past

present

Future

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A firm plan or programme exists now.

The action is in the future.

Look at these examples:



- We're **eating** at Joe's Cafe tonight. We've already booked the table.
- They can play tennis with you tomorrow. They're not **working**.
- When **are** you **starting** your new job?

In these examples, a **firm plan or programme exists before speaking**. The decision and plan were made **before** speaking.

How do we spell the Present Continuous tense?

We make the Present Continuous tense by adding -ing to the base verb. Normally it's simple: we just add -ing. But sometimes we have to change the word a little. Perhaps we double the last letter, or we drop a letter. Here are the rules to help you know how to spell the Present Continuous tense.

Basic rule	Just add -ing to the base verb:										
	work	→	Working								
	play	→	Playing								
	assist	→	Assisting								
	see	→	Seeing								
	be	→	Being								
Exception	If the base verb ends in consonant + stressed vowel + consonant , double the last letter:										
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consonant	stressed vowel	consonant									
vowels = a, e, i, o, u											
	stop	→	Stopping								



	run	→	Running
	begin	→	Beginning
	<i>Note that this exception does not apply when the last syllable of the base verb is not stressed.</i>		
	open	→	Opening
Exception	If the base verb ends in ie , change the ie to y :		
	lie	→	Lying
	die	→	Dying
Exception	If the base verb ends in vowel + consonant + e , omit the e :		
	come	→	Coming
	mistake	→	Mistaking

Quiz:

1. _____ they coming over for dinner?



- Is
- Are
- Am

2. Maxwell _____ not sleeping on our sofa.

- is
- are
- am

3. My mother-in-law is _____ at our house this week.

- stay
- staying
- be staying

4. I _____ my dinner right now.

- eat
- eating
- am eating

5. My sister _____ Spanish.

- learn
- is learning
- learning

6. I _____ at the hair salon until September.

- work
- be working
- am working

7. We _____ at a fancy restaurant tonight. Jason decided this yesterday.

- eat
- are eating
- eats

8. Why _____ playing football tomorrow?



- he not is
- he isn't
- isn't he

9. They are _____ a new shopping mall downtown.

- opening
- openning
- oppening

10. Melissa is _____ down on her bed.

- lieing
- liying
- lying

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