

The Present Progressive

(also called the Present Continuous)

I am speaking.

You are speaking.

To form this tense, use a form of the verb **BE** plus the **-ing** form of the action verb.

I am, he is, you are + speak + ing.



When do we use it?

- Use the present continuous to talk about an action that is happening *now*—at the same time that you are speaking.
- The baby *is crying*. She's hungry.
- It's *raining* today.



Study these rules



You don't have to repeat all the parts all the time:

They *are eating, drinking, and talking*. (look where the commas are!)

Remember question word order:

Are they *talking*?

When answering a question, use short-answer form and contractions when possible:

Yes, *they are*.

No, *they aren't*.

What's he doing?



drive

He's driving.

(what happens to the *-e* in *drive*?)

smile

He's smiling.

sit

He's sitting in his car.

(what happens to the *-t* in *sit*?)

go to work

He's going to work.

What are you doing right now?

Change each verb and make a sentence:

I'm . . .

- read
- learn English
- study
- sit in the ESSC
- write
- think
- daydream

