

# The Present Tense – Present Progressive

There are three *aspects* of the present tenses:

- 1) Simple present
- 2) **Present progressive**
- 3) Present perfect (simple and progressive)

★ = action



The **present progressive tense** is used to describe actions that are in progress.

- Use the helping verb “**am**” before a verb when used to describe (**I**).
- Use the helping verb “**is**” before a verb to describe the (**he, she, it**).
- Use the helping verb “**are**” before a verb to describe (**we, you, they**).
- Add “**ing**” to the verb ending.

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| I [ <b>am</b> ] [verb + “ing”]                |
| he / she / it [ <b>is</b> ] [verb + “ing”]    |
| we / you / they [ <b>are</b> ] [verb + “ing”] |

Example: I am running.

Example: He is running.

- Add the word “**not**” between the helping verb (am, is, are) and the main verb to form the negative.

Example: We are not running.

Directions: Write the correct form of the verb in the spaces below.

- 1) We \_\_\_\_\_ (to go) to the mall.
- 2) She \_\_\_\_\_ (to talk) to the police officer.
- 3) I \_\_\_\_\_ (to buy) a new bicycle.
- 4) John \_\_\_\_\_ (to listen) to a CD.
- 5) Margo, Juan, and Anika \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ (to ride) on the bus.
- 6) We \_\_\_\_\_ (to try) to get five gold medals.
- 7) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) mean right now.
- 8) The four of us \_\_\_\_\_ (to swim) in the lake.
- 9) My mom \_\_\_\_\_ (to rock) the baby to sleep.
- 10) I \_\_\_\_\_ (to sing) in my car.

Directions: Put the following sentences in the present progressive tense.

1) I do the laundry.

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2) Brad is nice.

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Directions: Now make your own sentences in the present progressive tense.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_