

MY FAMILY



I cannot imagine living my life without my family by my side. Family is very important and valuable to me and is something that should never be taken for granted. Without my family, a large part of my life and culture would be missing.

Whether it's my grandparent, my two sisters, my mom, or my dad, I know I can always count on someone to help me feel better. In fact, I think that this is probably the most important thing that my family has taught me; a family is made up of people who you can trust and who you can count on. Too many times today, we read in the papers about families where parents abuse their children, verbally and physically. What these parents don't realize is that they are either beginning or involving themselves in a vicious circle of hate in families. When parents abuse their children, they are telling their children that that is the way to raise children, and this is what their children learn. I was lucky, I have learned differently, because my family cares about me, and I care about them.

In this world of doubt, insecurity, and fear, my family is always there for me, holding their arms open to me with love. On the first day of first grade, I didn't want to go to school, I had butterflies in my stomach and I found it difficult to walk because I was so nervous. The only reason that I finally went into the classroom is because my mom walked in with me, and promised me that as soon as school was out, she'd be there waiting for me, ready to bring me back to where I felt most comfortable, my family.

Luckily, I'm a little more grown up now; I can go into school by myself, and in a couple of years, when I go away to college, I'll really have to go to school by myself. There will be no one who I will know at college. Of course I know I'll make friends, but none of them will mean as much to me as my family does.

Family members

Write down the term for the opposite sex:

Female		Male
a.	grandmother	
b.	mother	
c.	daughter	
d.	sister	
e.	wife	
f.	granddaughter	
g.	niece	
h.	mother-in-law	
i.	sister-in-law	
j.	aunt	
k.	mum	
l.	girl	
m.	girlfriend	

Complete these sentences:

1. My sister is my father's husband/daughter/nephew/niece/son/wife/aunt .
2. My brother is my mother's husband/daughter/nephew/niece/son/wife/ aunt .
3. My husband/daughter/nephew/niece/son/wife/aunt is my mother's sister.
4. My husband/daughter/nephew/niece/son/wife/aunt is my brother's daughter
5. My husband/daughter/nephew/niece/son/wife/aunt is my brother's son.
6. My sister-in-law is my brother's
husband/daughter/nephew/niece/son/wife/aunt .
7. My brother-in-law is my sister's
husband/daughter/nephew/niece/son/wife/aunt.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

The present continuous of any verb is composed of two parts - the present tense of the verb to be + the present participle of the main verb.

(The form of the present participle is: base+ing, e.g. talking, playing, moving, smiling)

Affirmative

Subject	+ <i>to be</i>	+ base + ing
She	is	talking.

Negative

Subject	+ <i>to be + not</i>	+ base + ing
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She	is not (isn't)	talking
Interrogative		
<i>to be</i>	+ subject	+ base + ing
Is	she	talking?

EXAMPLES: TO GO, PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I am going	I am not going	Am I going?
You are going	You aren't going.	Are you going?
He, she, it is going	He, she, it isn't going	Is he, she, it going?
We are going	We aren't going	Are we going?
You are going	You aren't going	Are you going?
They are going	They aren't going	Are they going?

FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS

As with all tenses in English, the **speaker's attitude** is as important as the time of the action or event. When someone uses the present continuous, they are thinking about something that is **unfinished or incomplete**

THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS IS USED:

- to describe an action that is going on at this moment: **You are using** the Internet. **You are studying** English grammar.
- to describe an action that is going on during this period of time or a trend: **Are you still working** for the same company? More and more people **are becoming** vegetarian.
- to describe an action or event in the future, which has already been planned or prepared: **We're going** on holiday tomorrow. **I'm meeting** my boyfriend tonight. **Are they visiting** you next winter?
- to describe a temporary event or situation: He usually plays the drums, but **he's playing** bass guitar tonight. The weather forecast was good, but **it's raining** at the moment.
- with "always, forever, constantly", to describe and emphasise a continuing series of repeated actions: Harry and Sally **are always arguing!** **You're constantly complaining** about your mother-in-law!

VERBS THAT ARE NOT USUALLY USED IN THE CONTINUOUS FORM

The verbs in the list below are normally used in the simple form because they refer to **states**, rather than actions or processes.

EMOTIONS / DESIRES

- to envy
- to fear
- to dislike
- to hate
- to hope
- to like
- to love
- to mind
- to prefer
- to regret
- to want
- to wish

MEASUREMENT

- to contain
- to cost
- to hold
- to measure
- to weigh

OTHERS

- to look (=resemble)
- to seem
- to be (in most cases)
- to have (when it means "to possess")*

Exercise: Put the verb in brackets in the correct form to make different form of the Present Continuous Tense.

1. John (read) a book now.
2. What (you do) tonight?
3. Jack and Peter (work) late today.
4. Silvia (not listen) to music.
5. Maria (sit) next to Paul.
6. How many other students (you study) with?
7. The phone (not ring).

Put the words in the right order so that they form correct sentences:

- 1 I'm glasses. for my looking
- 2 you are reading? book kind What of
- 3 crying? Pamela is Why
- 4 studying Paul economics at Kharkov University. National is
- 5 Why everyone is laughing?
- 6 me? for waiting Are you
- 7 you leaving? are When
- 8 John Arabia working at in is Saudi moment. the
- 9 the as for company working you? Is Jennifer same
- 10 next do having come? Saturday I'm want to party a - you

Choose the correct present continuous form.

- 1.Look! Andy am working/are working/is working in the garden.
- 2.I am watching/are watching/is watching TV at the moment.
- 3.We am reading/are reading/is reading a book.
- 4.She am playing/are playing/is playing the piano.
- 5.Listen! Sue and John am singing/are singing/is singing.

Put the verbs into present continuous.

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| 1.My sister (to clean) | the bathroom. |
| 2.Look! They (to go) | inside. |
| 3.I (to wait) | in the car now. |
| 4.Mrs Miller (to listen) | to CDs. |
| 5.We (to speak) | English at the moment. |

Long and Short Forms

Rewrite the sentences using the short forms (where long forms are given) or the long forms (where short forms are given).

- 1.We are reading a letter.
- 2.He is opening the window.
- 3.I am playing computer games.
- 4.She's dancing at the party.
- 5.They're drinking a cup of tea.

Negative Sentences

Rewrite the sentences using the negative forms.

- 1.We are playing a game.
- 2.I'm drawing a picture.

3.He is making pizza right now.

4.Susan and her brother are taking photos.

5.Dad is working in the kitchen.

Questions and Signal Words

Write questions in present continuous.

1.Robin / to ride / his bike -

2.where / she / to go -

3.what / your mother / to do / now -

4.Which **is** a signal word for the present continuous?

Often/ now / sometimes

5.Which **is not** a signal word for the present progressive?

always / Look! / at the moment