

Present Continuous: Changing Situations

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Focus: Verbs of change (getting, becoming), Growth and development (increasing, rising), Starting and beginning

We use the **Present Continuous** tense to describe situations that are changing, developing, or progressing around the present moment. This is very common when talking about trends, the environment, personal growth, or the economy.

Structure: Subject + **am/is/are** + **verb(-ing)**

Common Verbs Used:

- **Change:** get, become, change
- **Growth/Decline:** increase, rise, fall, grow, improve, decrease
- **Start:** begin, start

Examples:

1. The climate is changing, and the earth is **getting** warmer every year.
2. The cost of living in the city is **increasing** rapidly.
3. My English is **improving** because I practice every day.

Practice Exercises

Instructions: Complete the sentences using the **Present Continuous** form of the verb in brackets. Pay attention to the subject to choose the correct auxiliary verb (am/is/are).

1. The population of the world _____ (increase) very fast.
2. It is _____ (get) dark; we should go home soon.
3. Technology _____ (change) the way we communicate.
4. My computer is old, so it _____ (become) slower every day.
5. House prices in this area _____ (rise) dramatically.
6. The weather _____ (start) to improve after the storm.
7. More people _____ (begin) to realize the importance of recycling.
8. Your English _____ (get) better all the time.
9. The economic situation _____ (become) more difficult for small businesses.
10. The number of wild tigers _____ (grow) thanks to conservation efforts.
11. I feel tired. I _____ (get) sick.
12. Online shopping _____ (become) more popular than traditional shopping.
13. The days _____ (get) longer now that it is spring.
14. Pollution levels in the city _____ (fall) because of the new electric buses.
15. The leaves on the trees _____ (turn) brown because it is autumn.

| Answer Key

- 1.** is increasing
- 2.** getting
- 3.** is changing
- 4.** is becoming
- 5.** are rising
- 6.** is starting
- 7.** are beginning
- 8.** is getting
- 9.** is becoming
- 10.** is growing
- 11.** am getting
- 12.** is becoming
- 13.** are getting
- 14.** are falling
- 15.** are turning