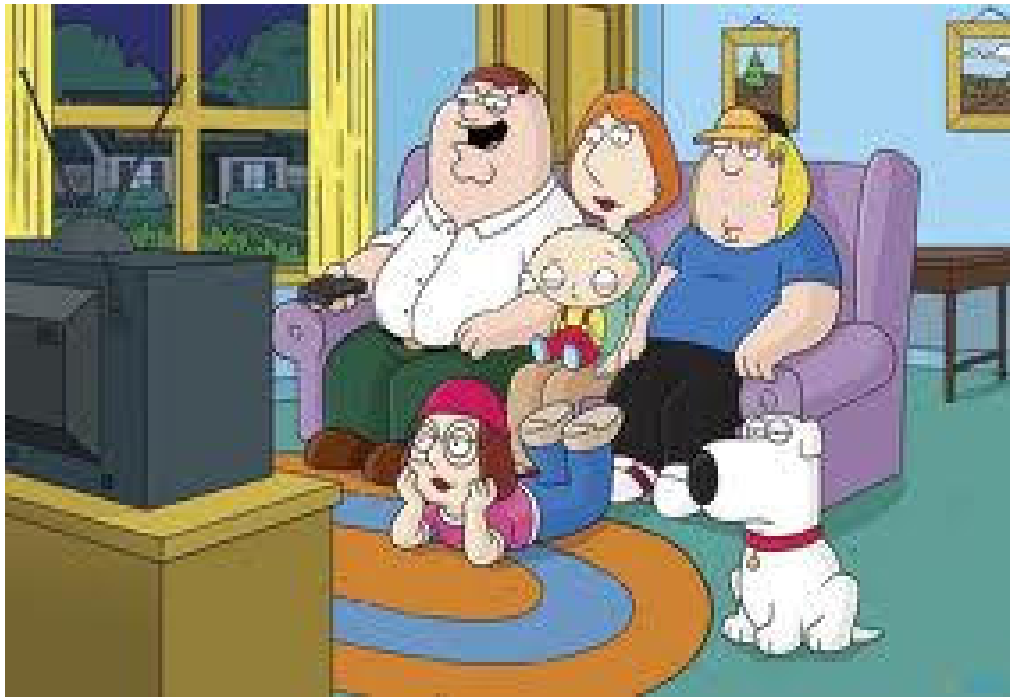


**PRESENT CONTINUOUS**

**IL PRESENT  
CONTINUOUS INDICA  
UN'AZIONE CHE SI STA  
SVOLGENDO NEL  
MOMENTO IN CUI SI  
PARLA**

**NOW**

**WHAT ARE THEY DOING?**



**THEY ARE WATCHING TV**

# WHAT ARE THEY DOING?



**WHAT ARE THEY DOING?**



**THEY ARE DANCING**

**WHAT IS HE DOING?**



**HE IS DRINKING**

**HE IS EATING AN ICE-CREAM**

**HE IS STUDYING**

**NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN!**

**WHAT ARE THEY DOING?**

**WHAT IS SHE DOING?**

**WHAT IS HE DOING?**

**WHAT ARE WE DOING?**



# **MIME THESE ACTIONS**

**PLAY COMPUTER GAMES**

**DRINK A COFFEE**

**EAT A PIZZA**

**EAT SPAGHETTI**

**DRIVE A CAR**

**LISTEN TO MUSIC**

**HAVE A SHOWER**

**EAT AN APPLE**

**PLAY FOOTBALL**

**PLAY TENNIS**

**PLAY BASKETBALL**

**DANCE**

**SEND A TEXT MESSAGE**

**PUT ON MAKE-UP**

**BRUSH YOUR TEETH**

**WRITE AN E-MAIL**

**READ A BOOK**

**PLAY THE PIANO**

**READ AN E-MAIL**

**PLAY THE VIOLIN**

**PLAY THE GUITAR**

**HAVE A BATH**

**WRITE**

**WATCH TV**

**DRINK A GLASS OF WATER**

**SKI**

**SWIM**

**SING A SONG**

**EAT AN ICE-CREAM**

**JUMP**

**SLEEP**

**DRIVE A MOTORBIKE**

# WHAT ARE THEY DOING?



## PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Il **present continuous** (presente progressivo) si usa per indicare una azione che sta avvenendo nel momento in cui si parla, una azione che si svolge nel momento in cui si parla: **NOW = ORA**.

**N.B.** Si noti che in inglese esistono due tipi di presente che corrispondono a due concezioni di tempo differenti: il **present simple** che indica routine, abitudine (sempre, mai, una volta al mese, tutti i martedì, ecc...) **VS** il **present continuous** che indica qualcosa che sta avvenendo nel momento in cui si parla. In italiano non si fa questa distinzione e si possono usare indifferentemente le frasi: “Che cosa fai? (ora)” “Mangio un panino.” = “Che cosa stai facendo? (ora)” “Sto mangiando un panino.” In questo caso in inglese si può usare solo il present continuous: “What are you doing?” “I'm having a sandwich.”

### TO WORK

#### AFFIRMATIVE FORM

I AM WORKING  
YOU ARE WORKING  
HE IS WORKING  
SHE IS WORKING  
IT IS WORKING  
WE ARE WORKING  
YOU ARE WORKING  
THEY ARE WORKING

#### NEGATIVE FORM

I AM NOT WORKING  
YOU ARE NOT WORKING  
HE IS NOT WORKING  
SHE IS NOT WORKING  
IT IS NOT WORKING  
WE ARE NOT WORKING  
YOU ARE NOT WORKING  
THEY ARE NOT WORKING

#### INTERROGATIVE FORM

AM I WORKING?  
ARE YOU WORKING?  
IS HE WORKING?  
IS SHE WORKING?  
IS IT WORKING?  
ARE WE WORKING?  
ARE YOU WORKING?  
ARE THEY WORKING?

#### SHORT ANSWERS

YES, I AM / NO, I'M NOT.  
YES, YOU ARE / NO, YOU AREN'T  
YES, HE IS / NO, HE ISN'T  
YES, SHE IS / NO, SHE ISN'T  
YES, IT IS / NO, IT ISN'T  
YES, WE ARE / NO, WE AREN'T  
YES, YOU ARE / NO, YOU AREN'T  
YES, THEY ARE / NO, THEY AREN'T

Esempi: I am studying English. (now)

She is reading a book. (now)

I'm not writing, I'm reading. (now)

She isn't playing football.

Are you listening to me? Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.

Is she working? Yes, she is. / No she isn't.

## PAST CONTINUOUS

**IL PAST CONTINUOUS SI USA PER INDICARE UN'AZIONE CHE ERA IN CORSO DI SVOLGIMENTO IN UN PRECISO MOMENTO DEL PASSATO.**

Ex: At 6.00 p.m. she was watching TV.

### AFFIRMATIVE FORM

I WAS WORKING  
YOU WERE WORKING  
HE WAS WORKING  
SHE WAS WORKING  
IT WAS WORKING  
WE WERE WORKING  
YOU WERE WORKING  
THEY WERE WORKING

### NEGATIVE FORM

I WAS NOT (WASN'T) WORKING  
YOU WERE NOT (WEREN'T) WORKING  
HE WAS NOT (WASN'T) WORKING  
SHE WAS NOT (WASN'T) WORKING  
IT WAS NOT (WASN'T) WORKING  
WE WERE NOT (WEREN'T) WORKING  
YOU WERE NOT (WEREN'T) WORKING  
THEY WERE NOT (WEREN'T) WORKING

### INTERROGATIVE FORM

WAS I WORKING?  
WERE YOU WORKING?  
WAS HE WORKING?  
WAS SHE WORKING?  
WAS IT WORKING?  
WERE WE WORKING?  
WERE YOU WORKING?  
WERE THEY WORKING?

### SHORT ANSWERS

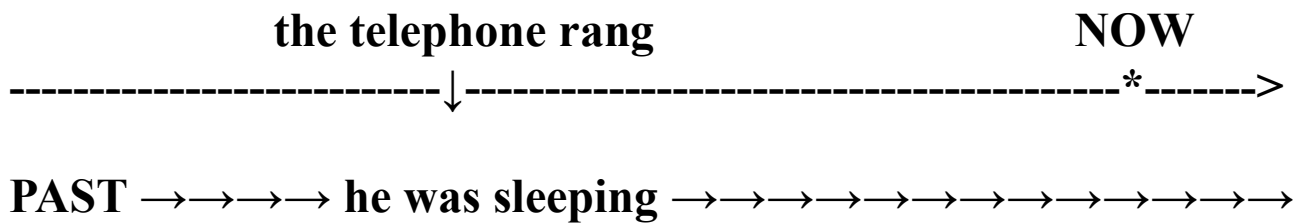
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YES, THEY WERE / NO, THEY WEREN'T

# WHAT WERE THEY DOING YESTERDAY AT 6.00 P.M?



## PAST CONTINUOUS AND PAST SIMPLE

**SI USA IL PAST CONTINUOUS INSIEME AL PAST SIMPLE QUANDO UN'AZIONE BREVE ACCADE MENTRE E' IN CORSO UN'ALTRA AZIONE. IN ALTRE PAROLE, SI USA IL PAST CONTINUOUS INSIEME AL PAST SIMPLE QUANDO UN'AZIONE BREVE INTERROMPE IL FLUSSO DI UN'ALTRA AZIONE.**



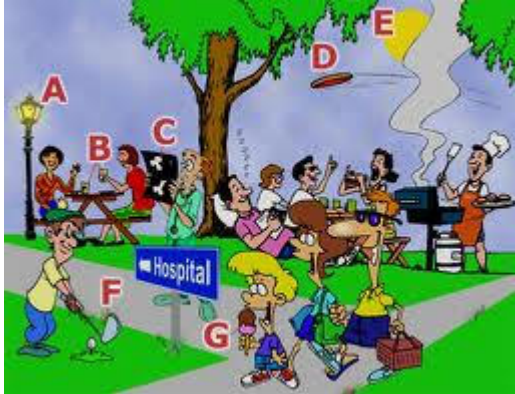
**WHILE = MENTRE**

**WHEN = QUANDO**

**While he was sleeping the telephone rang.**

**He was sleeping when the telephone rang.**

# WHAT WERE THEY DOING WHEN A LARGE UFO APPEARED IN THE SKY?



**MIME THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS AND MAKE SENTENCES USING THE PAST CONTINUOUS, THE PAST SIMPLE AND *WHEN* OR *WHILE*.**

**WALK / SOMEONE STEAL BAGS**

**SLEEP / THELEPHONE RING**

**DO HOMEWORK / THE BELL RING**

**PLAY COMPUTER GAMES / THE COMPUTER BREAK**

**PLAY FOOTBALL IN THE PARK / THE POLICE ARRIVE**