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Present Progressive Tense

WHEN TO USE THIS TENSE: something is happening right now
to show a change in an action that is happening now

TIME CLUES: right now, as we speak, at this moment, now, again, still,
this week (month, year), at this time, currently

Sentence Formation: I + am + Verb + ing → I am working right now.

1 person/thing + is + Verb + ing → He is still crying.

2 people/things + are + Verb + ing → They are walking to work
at this time

Negative Formation: I + am not + Verb + ing → I am not working right now.

1 person/thing + is not + Verb + ing → He is not looking out
the window right now.

2 people/things + are not + Verb + ing → They are not driving to work.