

# Lesson 11

## Present Continuous Tense

The present continuous tense expresses an action that is being done now, as in "I am writing Lesson 11". It can also be used for an action that is intended to be done sometime in the future, as in "I am going to Asmara next week".

### Example 11.1

an fiKwa 11 ketebekun enkuKwn	I am writing Lesson 11.
an sansA Qakun enkuKwn	I am eating bread
enti genjrekw enkuruKw	You are sleeping
gaim mihrotl ferekw enkuKw	Gaim is going to school
yn blin kntnil Awtitnekun enkunKwn	We are succeeding in Blin studies

The simple Rule is: **Present continuous** = **simple present** + **subject suffix** **Example 11.2**

The present continuous tense of the verb **ferna** (to go) is

1st Person Singular	simple present + enkuKwn
2nd Person Singular	simple present + enkuruKw
3rd Person Singular (masc.)	simple present + enkuKw
3rd Person Singular (Fem.)	simple present + enkuti
1st Person Plural	simple present + enkunKwn
2nd Person Plural	simple present + enkudnuKw
3rd Person Plural	simple present + enkunuKw
1st Person Singular:	an Asmara ferekun enkuKwn I am going to Asmara
2nd Person Singular:	enti Asmara ferdekw enkuruKw You are going to Asmara
3rd Person Singular (masc.):	ni Asmara ferekw enkuKw He is going to Asmara
3rd Person Singular (Fem.):	nri Asmara fereti enkuti She is going to Asmara
1st Person Plural:	yn Asmara fernekwn enkunKwn We are going to Asmara
2nd Person Plural:	entn Asmara ferenekw enkudnuKw You are going to Asmara enkudnuKw
3rd Person Plural:	naw Asmara ferenekw enkunuKw They are going to Asmara