

"In the middle of (doing something)"

V-ている	V-ている + ところ	V-ている + 【最中】さいちゅう	途中で (とちゅうで)
Present Progressive	"In the middle of doing something" "right now"	"While; During; in the middle of~"	"In the middle of; on the way" "During; in the midst of something"
Ongoing action or current state		最 = means "the most"	-Used to express that an event happened at some point before something else happened at some point before something else is completed.
山田さんは まだ寝ている- と思います。I think Yamada-san is still sleeping.	今帰りに話してる ところです。I am talking to him right now.	(i.e. 最高 the most awesome; 最低 the most lowest (lower than low)	で particle marks the point at which the event occurred.
		Formation: V-plain + 最中に	途中に (とちゅうに) : に particle to indicate the location
		Noun + の + 最中に	うちに帰る途中で、電話がかかってきました。On the way home, I received a call.
		私はテニスの最中に自分で【怪我】ケガをしてしまった。I hurt myself while I was playing tennis.	かいぎの途中で、田中さんは寝てしまった。In the middle of the meeting, Mr Tanaka fell asleep.
			じつは、来る途中で、じこがあって、バスが遅れてしまったんです。Actually, on my way here, there was an accident and the bus was delayed.
			スピーチの途中で、はき気がした。I felt nauseous during the speech.

ところ Usages:

V-る + ところ	V-ている + ところ	V-た + ところ	Vたばかり / たばかり
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ところ Usages: (cont)

"Just about to" "About to do something"	"In the middle of doing something"	"Just now" "Just finished doing something" Action has to happen literally right now.	"Just (did something)"
Time related words that are often used: これから From now on、[ちょうど]今から exactly right now	Time related words that are often used: 今	Time related words that are often used: たった今	-Can use relative time adverbs like: きょねん (last year)、せんしゅう (last week)、昨日 (yesterday)、さっき (earlier)
A. かいぎはもうはじまりましたか。Has the meeting already started?	今帰りに話してるところです。I am talking to him right now.	-Cannot use with <reason> で / だから	-Action doesn't have to happen super recently; Depends on what the speaker sees as recent.
B. いいえ、ちょうど今からはじまるところです。No, it's just about to begin now.		A. ミクさんはいますか。Is Miku here?	昼ご飯を食べたばかりで、今はケーキを食べたくない。I just ate lunch so I don't want to eat cake right now.
		B. あ、たった今はえったところです。まだエレベーターのちかくにいるかもしれません。Oh, she left just now. She may still be somewhere near the elevator.	【去年】きょねん、くるまを買ったばかり。I just bought a car last year.
			【習う】ならったばかりの【文法】ぶんぽうをもう忘すれた。I already forgot the grammar I just learned.

【中】ちゅう / じゅう

【中】ちゅう

is for pointing out a particular time (currently; during; at some point);

✓ 午前中 (gozen chuu) = at some point during the morning

✓ 会議中 (kaigi chuu) = currently in a meeting

【中】じゅう

is used to cover a length of time or area and its entirety (through; throughout). It can also mean "before this period of time ends".

✓ 一年中 (ichinen juu) = year round / before the end of the year

✓ 世界中 (sekai juu) = all around the world

途中で (とちゅうで)

途中で (とちゅうで)

-“In the middle of; on the way” “During; in the midst of something”

-Used to express that an event happened at some point before something else happened at some point before something else is completed. で particle marks the point at which the event occurred.

途中に (とちゅうに)

-Uses the particle に to indicate the location

途中で vs 【中】ちゅう / じゅう

V-る + 【途中】とちゅうで

Noun + 【中】ちゅう / じゅう

途中で vs 【中】 ちゅう / じゅう (cont)

"On the way; en route; in the middle of; midway"

"Currently; during; at some point; throughout; before the end of~"

横浜】よこはまへ行く途中, ラジオで聞いたんだ。I heard it while I was on my way to Yokohama.

勉強中です。In the middle of studying.

見ていた映画の途中で、息子は寝てしまった。My son fell asleep in the middle of the movie we were watching.

英語は世界中で話されています。English is spoken all over the world.

ご飯の食べていると途中に電話がかかってきた。The phone rang when I was in the middle of eating (dinner).

考え中です。In the middle of thinking.

彼女は テーブルまで行く途中でころんでしまった。She fell over on her way to the table.

私は【一晩中】ひとばんじゅう【両親】りょうしんの夢を見ている。I dreamed of my parents all throughout the night.

山田さんは まだ寝ていると思います。

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Noun + の + 【途中】とちゅうで/に



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