

con·tin·u·ous

/kənˈtɪnyooəs/

adjective: **continuous**

1. 1.
forming an unbroken whole; without interruption.
"the whole performance is enacted in one continuous movement"
 - forming a series with no exceptions or reversals.
"there are continuous advances in design and production"
 - **MATHEMATICS**
(of a function) of which the graph is a smooth unbroken curve, i.e. one such that as the value of x approaches any given value a , the value of $f(x)$ approaches that of $f(a)$ as a limit.
2. 2.
GRAMMAR
another term for [progressive](#) (sense 3 of the adjective).

Origin

First recorded in 1635–45; from Latin *continuus* "uninterrupted," equivalent to *contin(ēre)* "to hold together, retain" (*con-* *con-* + *-tinēre*, combining form of *tenēre* "to hold"; cf. [contain](#)) + *-uus* adjective suffix; cf. [-ous](#), [contiguous](#)