

# I am doing (present continuous)

A



She's **eating**.  
She **isn't reading**.



It's **raining**.  
The sun **isn't shining**.



They're **running**.  
They **aren't walking**.

The present continuous is:

**am/is/are + doing/eating/running/writing etc.**

I	<b>am</b> (not)	<b>-ing</b>
he she it	<b>is</b> (not)	
we you they	<b>are</b> (not)	

- I'm **working**. I'm **not watching** TV.
- Maria **is reading** a newspaper.
- She **isn't eating**. (or She's **not eating**.)
- The bus **is coming**.
- We're **having** dinner.
- You're **not listening** to me. (or You **aren't listening** ...)
- The children **are doing** their homework.

B

**am/is/are + -ing** = something is happening *now*:

I'm **working**  
she's **wearing** a hat  
they're **playing** football  
I'm **not watching** TV

*past*

*now*

*future*

- Please be quiet. I'm **working**. (= I'm working now)
- Look, there's Sarah. She's **wearing** a brown coat. (= she is wearing it now)
- The weather is nice. It's **not raining**.
- 'Where are the children?' 'They're **playing** in the park.'
- (on the phone) We're **having** dinner now. Can I call you later?
- You can turn off the television. I'm **not watching** it.

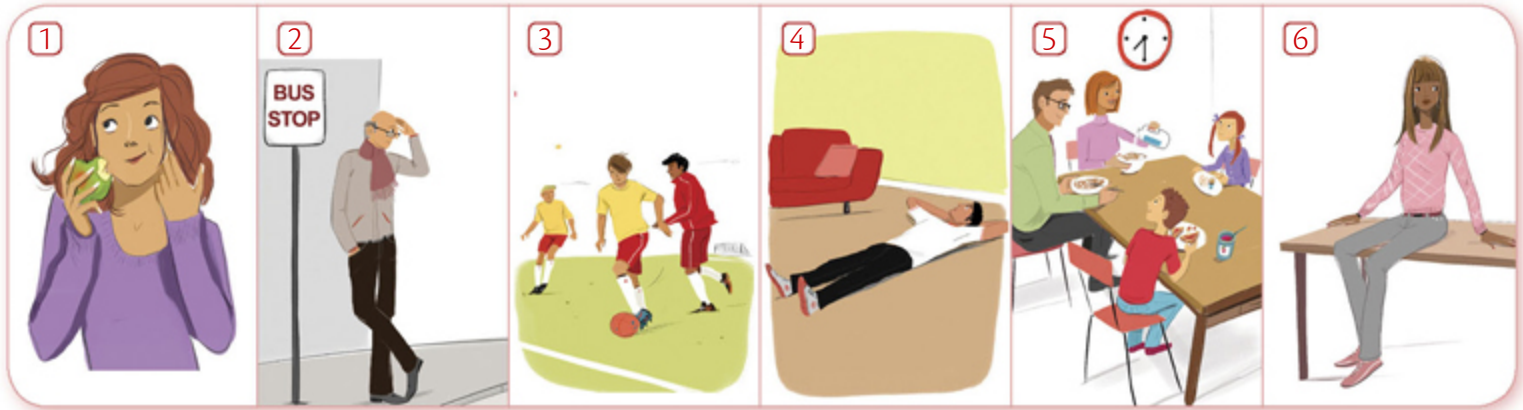
Spelling (→ **Appendix 5**):

come → **coming**    write → **writing**    dance → **dancing**  
run → **running**    sit → **sitting**    swim → **swimming**  
lie → **lying**

3.1

What are these people doing? Use these verbs to complete the sentences:

~~eat~~ have lie play sit wait



- 1 *She's eating* an apple.
- 2 He \_\_\_\_\_ for a bus.
- 3 They \_\_\_\_\_ football.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ on the table.

3.2

Complete the sentences. Use these verbs:

build cook go have stand stay swim ~~work~~

- 1 Please be quiet. I *'m working*.
- 2 'Where's John?' 'He's in the kitchen. He \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 3 'You \_\_\_\_\_ on my foot.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
- 4 Look! Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ in the river.
- 5 We're here on holiday. We \_\_\_\_\_ at the Central Hotel.
- 6 'Where's Sue?' 'She \_\_\_\_\_ a shower.'
- 7 They \_\_\_\_\_ a new hotel in the city centre at the moment.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ now. Goodbye.

3.3

Look at the picture. Write sentences about Jane. Use **She's -ing** or **She isn't -ing**.



Jane

- 1 (have dinner) *Jane isn't having dinner.*
- 2 (watch TV) *She's watching TV.*
- 3 (sit on the floor) She \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 (read a book) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 (play the piano) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 (laugh) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 (wear a hat) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 (drink coffee) \_\_\_\_\_

3.4

What's happening now? Write true sentences.

- 1 (I / wash / my hair) *I'm not washing my hair.*
- 2 (it / snow) *It's snowing.* or *It isn't snowing.*
- 3 (I / sit / on a chair) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 (I / eat) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 (it / rain) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 (I / learn / English) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 (I / listen / to music) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 (the sun / shine) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 (I / wear / shoes) \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 (I / read / a newspaper) \_\_\_\_\_

# are you doing? (present continuous questions)

**A**

positive question

I	<b>am</b>	<b>doing</b> <b>working</b> <b>going</b> <b>staying</b> etc.
he she it	<b>is</b>	
we you they	<b>are</b>	

<b>am</b>	I	<b>doing</b> <b>working</b> <b>going</b> <b>staying</b> etc.
<b>is</b>	he she it	
<b>are</b>	we you they	



- 'Are you **feeling** OK?' 'Yes, I'm fine, thanks.'
- 'Is it **raining**?' 'Yes, take an umbrella.'
- Why **are** you **wearing** a coat? It's not cold.
- 'What's Paul **doing**?' 'He's **studying** for his exams.'
- 'What **are** the children **doing**?' 'They're **watching** TV.'
- Look, there's Emily! Where's she **going**?
- Who **are** you **waiting** for? **Are** you **waiting** for Sue?

**B**

Study the word order:

**is/are** + *subject* + **-ing**

	<b>Is</b>	he	<b>working</b> today?
Where	<b>Is</b>	Ben	<b>working</b> today? ( <i>not</i> Is working Ben today?)
Where	<b>are</b>	they	<b>going</b> ?
Where	<b>are</b>	those people	<b>going</b> ? ( <i>not</i> Where are going those people?)

**C**

Short answers

Yes,	I	<b>am.</b>
	he she it	<b>is.</b>
	we you they	<b>are.</b>

No,	I'm	<b>not.</b>
	he's she's it's	
	we're you're they're	

or

No,	he she it	<b>isn't.</b>
	we you they	<b>aren't.</b>

- 'Are you **going** now?' 'Yes, I **am.**'
- 'Is Ben **working** today?' 'Yes, he **is.**'
- 'Is it **raining**?' 'No, it **isn't.**'
- 'Are your friends **staying** at a hotel?' 'No, they **aren't.** They're staying with me.'



4.1

Look at the pictures and write the questions.

<p>1 (you / watch / it?) <i>Are you watching it?</i></p>  <p>No, you can turn it off.</p>	<p>2 (you / go / now?) .....</p>  <p>Yes, see you tomorrow.</p>	<p>3 (it / rain?) .....</p>  <p>No, not at the moment.</p>
<p>4 (you / enjoy / the film?) .....</p>  <p>Yes, it's very funny.</p>	<p>5 (that clock / work?) .....</p>  <p>No, it's broken.</p>	<p>6 (you / wait / for a bus?) .....</p>  <p>No, for a taxi.</p>

4.2

Look at the pictures and complete the questions. Use:

**cry eat go laugh look at** ~~read~~

<p>1 What <i>are you reading</i> ?</p> 	<p>2 Where ..... she ?</p> 	<p>3 What ..... ?</p> 
<p>4 Why ..... ?</p> 	<p>5 What ..... ?</p> 	<p>6 Why ..... ?</p> 

4.3

Make questions from these words. Put the words in the right order.

- (is / working / Ben / today) *Is Ben working today* .....
- (what / the children / are / doing) *What are the children doing* .....
- (you / are / listening / to me) .....
- (where / your friends / are / going) .....
- (are / watching / your parents / TV) .....
- (what / Jessica / is / cooking) .....
- (why / you / are / looking / at me) .....
- (is / coming / the bus) .....

4.4

Write short answers (**Yes, I am.** / **No, he isn't.** etc.).

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Are you watching TV? <i>No, I'm not.</i> ..... | 4 Is it raining? .....                |
| 2 Are you wearing a watch? .....                 | 5 Are you sitting on the floor? ..... |
| 3 Are you eating something? .....                | 6 Are you feeling well? .....         |