

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	am (not)	-ing
he	is (not)	
she		
it		
we	are (not)	
you		
they		

- ☐ I'm **working**. I'm **not** watching TV.
- ☐ Maria **is** **reading** a newspaper.
- ☐ She **isn't** **eating**. (or She's **not** eating.)
- ☐ The phone **is** **ringing**.
- ☐ 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 television

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 phone 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**

am/is/are → **Unit 1** are you doing? (questions) → **Unit 4** I am doing and I do → **Unit 8**
What are you doing tomorrow? → **Unit 25**

Exercises

Unit 3

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 television) She's watching television.
- 3 (sit on the floor) She
- 4 (read a book)
- 5 (play the piano)
- 6 (laugh)
- 7 (wear a hat)
- 8 (write a letter)

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)