

I am doing (present continuous)

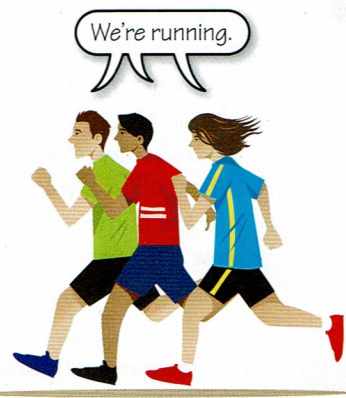
A



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 she it	is (not)	
we you they	are (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):

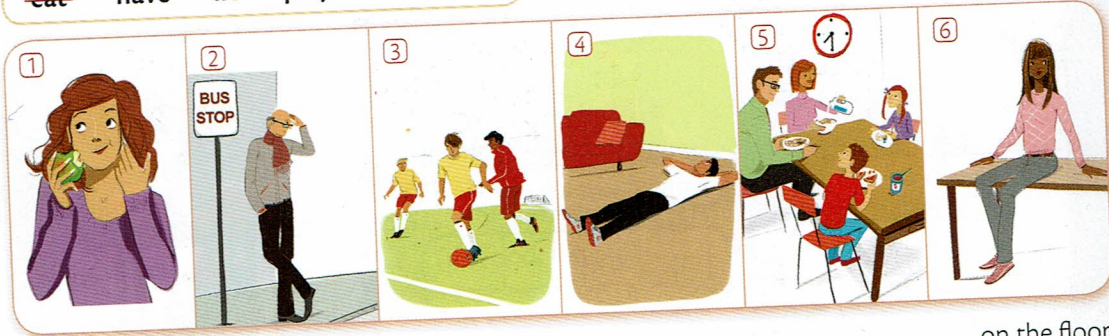
come → coming write → writing dance → dancing
run → running sit → sitting swim → swimming
lie → lying

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

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

~~eat~~ have lie play sit wait



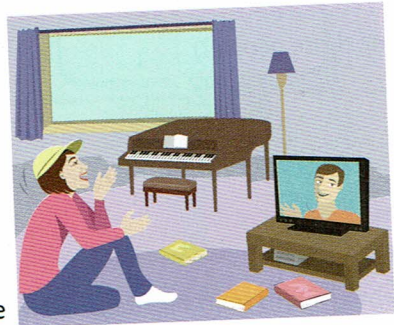
- 1 She's eating an apple.
- 2 He for a bus.
- 3 They football.
- 4 on the floor.
- 5 breakfast.
- 6 on the table.

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)

Key to Exercises

UNIT 1

1.1

- they're
- it isn't / it's not
- that's
- I'm not
- you aren't / you're not

1.2

- I'm/am 6 are
- is 7 is ... are
- are 8 'm/am ... is
- 's/is

1.3

- I'm / I am
- He's / He is
- they're / they are
- it's / It is
- You're / You are
- She's / She is
- Here's / Here is

Sample answers:

- My name is Robert.
- I'm 25.
- I'm from Australia.
- I'm a gardener.
- My favourite colours are black and white.
- I'm interested in plants.

- They're / They are cold.
- He's / He is hot.
- He's / He is scared.
- They're / They are hungry.
- She's / She is angry.

- It is windy today. or It isn't/It's not windy today.
- My hands are cold. or My hands aren't/are not cold.
- Brazil is a very big country.
- Diamonds aren't/are not cheap.
- Toronto isn't/is not in the US.
- I'm hungry. or I'm not hungry.
- I'm a good swimmer.
- I'm not/I am not a good swimmer.
- I'm interested in football. or I'm not/I am not interested in football.

UNIT 2

2.1

- F 6 E
- H 7 B
- C 8 I
- A 9 D

2.2

- Is your job interesting?
- Are the shops open today?
- Where are you from?
- Are you interested in sport?
- Is the station near here?
- Are your children at school?
- Why are you late?

2.3

- Where's / Where is
- How old are
- How much are
- What's / What is
- Who's / Who is
- What colour are

2.4

- Are you American?
- How old are you?
- Are you a teacher?
- Are you married?
- Is your wife a lawyer?
- Where's/Where is she from?
- What's/What is her name?
- How old is she?

2.5

- Yes, I am. or No, I'm not.
- Yes, it is. or No, it isn't. / No, it's not.
- Yes, they are. or No, they aren't. / No, they're not.
- Yes, it is. or No, it isn't. / No, it's not.
- Yes, I am. or No, I'm not.

UNIT 3

3.1

- 's/is waiting
- 're/are playing
- He's/He is lying
- They're/They are having
- She's/She is sitting

3.2

- 's/is cooking
- 're/are standing
- 's/is swimming

- 're/are staying
- 's/is having
- 're/are building
- 'm/am going

3.3

- She's/She is sitting on the floor.
- She isn't/She's not reading a book.
- She isn't/She's not playing the piano.
- She's/She is laughing.
- She's/She is wearing a hat.
- She isn't/She's not drinking coffee.

3.4

- I'm sitting on a chair. or I'm not sitting on a chair.
- I'm eating. or I'm not eating.
- It's raining. or It isn't raining. / It's not raining.
- I'm learning English.
- I'm listening to music. or I'm not listening to music.
- The sun is shining. or The sun isn't shining.
- I'm wearing shoes. or I'm not wearing shoes.
- I'm not reading a newspaper.

UNIT 4

4.1

- Are you going now?
- Is it raining?
- Are you enjoying the film?
- Is that clock working?
- Are you waiting for a bus?

4.2

- Where is she going?
- What are you eating?
- Why are you crying?
- What are they looking at?
- Why is he laughing?

4.3

- Are you listening to me?
- Where are your friends going?
- Are your parents watching TV?
- What is Jessica cooking?
- Why are you looking at me?
- Is the bus coming?