Unit 3

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 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.

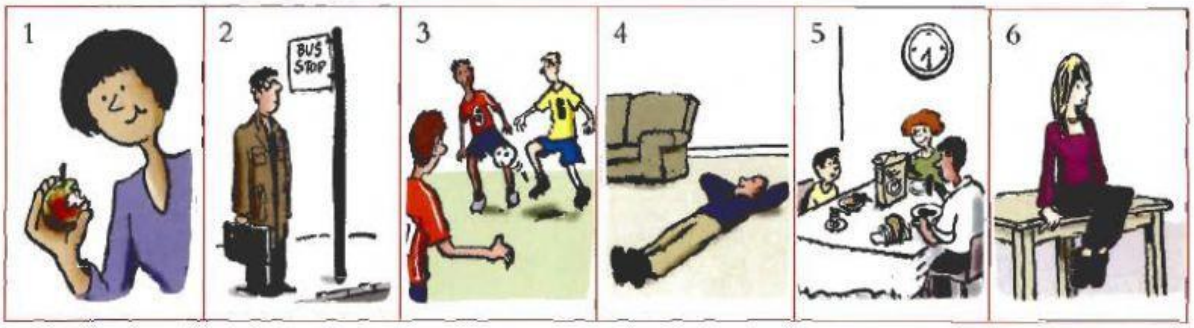
Spelling (→ Appendix 5):

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

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) .....