

Present continuous

a Write sentences with the present continuous. Use contractions where you can.

- 1 ☐ It / snow *It isn't snowing.*
- 2 ☐ Oliver / wear a suit today!
- 3 ☐ It's hot. Why /you wear a coat?
- 4 ☐ Jane / sit in her usual place today
- 5 ☐ Hey! You / stand on my foot!
- 6 ☐ what book / you read?
- 7 ☐ we / rent a small flat at the moment
- 8 ☐ she / wear make-up?
- 9 ☐ I / plan a trip to the USA
- 10 ☐ your brother / work in London this week?
- 11 ☐ they / get on very well at the moment

b Complete the conversation with the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Use contractions where possible.

A What ¹ are you doing (you / do), Stefan?

B I ² am looking (look) at some paintings online. I want to buy a poster of one for the living room.

A My sister ³ is doing (do) an art course at the moment. Perhaps she can paint something for us.

B Um... perhaps. But look at this one – it's really beautiful. It's by Vermeer, and there's a girl who

⁴ is wearing (wear) a blue and yellow scarf on her head and a big pearl earring.

A I'm not sure. She ⁵ isn't smiling (not / smile).

B I know, but that makes it more interesting.

A OK. If you like it, order it. My sister can paint something for the dining room.

c Look at the picture. Complete the questions with the present continuous form of the verb in brackets.



- 1 What is the man on the bench reading (read)?
- 2 What are the boys under the tree doing (play)?
- 3 What is the woman on the left doing (do)?
- 4 What is she wearing (wear)?
- 5 What is the woman on the right wearing (wear)?
- 6 What is she carrying (carry)?
- 7 What is the runner wearing (wear)?
- 8 What is the man under the tree doing (do)?

d Answer questions 1–8 in c.

- 1 The man on the bench is reading a newspaper.
- 2 The boys are playing football.
- 3 The woman on the left is running.
- 4 She is carrying a shopping bag.
- 5 She is wearing a blue and yellow scarf.
- 6 She is wearing a big pearl earring.
- 7 She is wearing a blue and yellow scarf.
- 8 He is reading a newspaper.

