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¿Cómo expreso actividades que estoy realizando?

Present continuous, recommendations, verbs and prepositions.

Present continuous

+	I	'm	having	a great time.
	He/She/It	's	sitting	on the balcony.
	You/We/They	're	waiting	for a train.
-	I	'm not	enjoying	this food.
	He/She/It	isn't	working	at the moment.
	You/We/They	aren't	doing	anything.

?	Am	I	leaving?	Yes,	I	am.
					you/we/they	are.
	Are	you/we/they		No,	I	'm not.
					you/we/they	aren't.
	Is	he/she/it	working?	Yes,	he/she/it	is.
				No,		isn't.

Use the present continuous to speak about something happening now/at this moment.

In speaking or in emails and letters to friends, usually use the contracted form: *I am reading.* = *I'm reading.*

In the negative, it is also possible to use

He's not working. They're not doing anything.

Don't use contractions in positive short answers: *Yes, we are.* NOT *Yes, we're.*

Spelling the -ing form

Most verbs + -ing	wait do	waiting doing
Verbs ending in -e, e + -ing	write take	writing taking
Most verbs ending in a consonant-vowel-consonant, double the final consonant -ing	swim run	swimming running

Complete the sentences with the correct form of *be*. Use contractions after pronouns.

- ☒ I'm _____ waiting for a bus.
- ☒ The children _____ drawing a picture.
- ☐ My brother _____ talking to me at the moment.
- ☒ The receptionist _____ calling us a taxi.
- ☐ I _____ listening to you.
- ☐ We _____ watching the football on TV.

Complete the sentences with the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- I'm looking for my purse. (look for)
- My brother-in-law _____ a new house. (buy)
- We _____ because we don't like the music. (not dance)
- _____ the waitress _____ with our dinner? (come)
- She can't read the menu. She _____ her glasses. (not wear)
- _____ you _____ the TV or can I turn it off? (watch)
- I _____ this week. I'm on holiday! (not work)
- My niece and nephew _____ in the sea. (swim)



Look at the picture. What are the people doing?
Complete 1–8 with a verb or verb phrase in the present continuous.

- 1 The girl's listening to music.
- 2 The children _____.
- 3 The couple _____.
- 4 The dog _____.
- 5 The baby _____.
- 6 The boy _____.
- 7 The girl _____.
- 8 The girl _____.

Present simple and present continuous

Mario usually	wears	a jacket and tie.
Now he	's wearing	jeans and a T-shirt.

What	do	you	do?	I'm a police officer.
	are		doing?	I'm writing down your number!

Use the present simple to talk about habits or routines.

We often watch DVDs on Friday evenings.

Also use it to talk about things which are always true or true for a long time.

Eva works in the city centre.

Use the present continuous to speak about something happening at this moment.

Sorry, I can't chat now. I'm cooking dinner.



Complete the sentences. Use the present simple or present continuous.

- 1 Helen usually drives (drive) to work, but today it's sunny, so she's walking (walk).
- 2 Tom usually _____ (make) dinner for his wife, but today it's his birthday, so he _____ (not cook).
- 3 I _____ (work) this evening, but I usually _____ (finish) work at 5.00.
- 4 Scott and Chris often _____ (practise) their guitars in the evening, but tonight, they _____ (play) in a concert.
- 5 Laura usually _____ (go) on holiday in the summer, but this year she _____ (work) in a restaurant.
- 6 I _____ (read) a book in English at the moment, but I usually _____ (buy) books in Polish.

Circle the correct form.

- A What do you cook / are you cooking? I'm really hungry.
B Spaghetti. We can eat in ten minutes.
- 1 A Hello. Is Martin at home?
B No, he isn't. He plays / He's playing football with his friends.
- 2 A Do your parents live / Are your parents living near here?
B Yes. They have / are having a flat in the same building as me.
- 3 A How often do you go / are you going to the hairdresser's?
B About once a month. When my hair needs / is needing a cut.
- 4 A Don't make a noise! Your father sleeps / is sleeping!
B Is he OK? He doesn't usually sleep / isn't usually sleeping in the afternoon.

b Put the verbs in the present simple or present continuous.

Look. It's raining. (rain)

- 1 A Hi, Sarah! What _____ you _____ here? (do)
B I _____ for a friend. (wait)
- 2 A Let's have lunch. _____ you _____ hamburgers? (like)
B No, sorry. I'm a vegetarian. I _____ meat. (not eat)
- 3 A Listen! The neighbours _____ a party again. (have)
B They _____ a party every weekend! (have)
- 4 A What _____ your boyfriend _____? (do)
B He's a teacher. He _____ at the local school. (work)

Asking for a recommendation

Can you recommend	a good an interesting	film? book?
I don't really like I really like I love/hate		romantic films. sci-fi books.
What's it about? Who's in it? (for a film)		

Giving a recommendation

What kind of	films books	do you like?
I think	you'd like	<i>Gold River.</i> it.
How about What about Do you know	<i>X-Men?</i> <i>A Tale of Two Cities?</i>	
It's about ...		

A Read the conversation and correct six mistakes.

Ines: Do you recommend a good film?

Jim: What kind of films you like?

Ines: Action films, mostly, and I really like comedies.

Jim: Do you know it *Rush Hour*?

Ines: No, I don't. Who's on it?

Jim: Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker.

Ines: What it's about?

Jim: Jackie Chan is a detective and he comes to New York to help a friend.

Ines: It sounds interesting.

Jim: I think you like it.