

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	I'm working.
he	is	(not)	-ing	Chris is writing a letter.
she				She isn't eating. (or She's not eating.)
it				The phone is ringing.
we	are	(not)	-ing	We're having dinner.
you				You're not listening to me. (or You aren't ...)
they				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 at Sue! She's wearing her new hat. (= she is wearing it now)
- The weather is nice at the moment. It's not raining.
- 'Where are the children?' 'They're playing in the park.'
- (on the phone) We're having dinner now. Can you phone again 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

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 one of 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 Ann?' 'She a shower.'

7 They a new theatre in the city centre at the moment.

8 I now. Goodbye.