

## 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	is	(not)	-ing	She isn't eating. (or She's not eating.)
it				The phone is ringing.
we				We're having dinner.
you	are	(not)	-ing	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

**3.3** Look at the picture. Write sentences about Jane. Use **She's -ing** or **She isn't -ing**.



- 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 at the moment? 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) ....