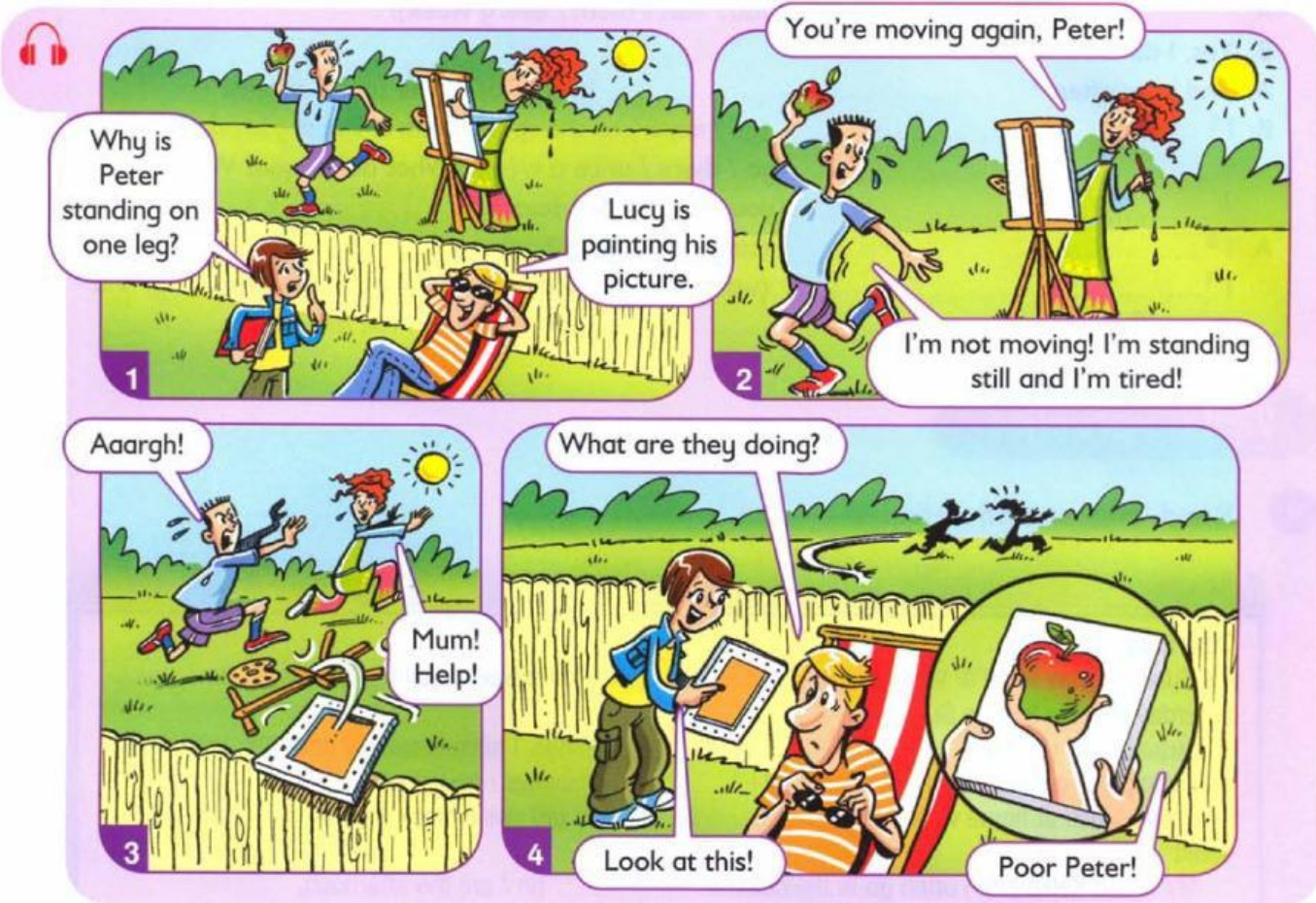


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Present continuous and present simple

Present continuous



1 Complete the tables.

Statements

Positive	I	am ('m)	painting.
	We / You / They	are (.....)	
	He / She / It	is (.....)	
Negative	I	am not ('m not)	painting.
	We / You / They	 (aren't)	
	He / She / It	 (isn't)	

► Look at the spelling rules on page 140.

Questions

Am		painting?
.....	we / you /	
.....	he / she / it	

Short answers

Yes, I
No, I'm not.
Yes, you / we / they are.
No, you / we / they
Yes, he / she / it
No, he / she / it isn't.

Wh- questions

Where	am	I	going?
What	are	you / we / they	doing?
Why	is	he / she / it	laughing?

2 Read the information.**Use**

We use the **present continuous** to talk about:

- something that is happening now.
Jenny is doing her homework.
- temporary situations:
My cousins are staying with us this week.

Time expressions

- We often use these time expressions with the present continuous:

now, right now, at the moment, today, this week/month/year, these days

They're having dinner at the moment. (This is happening now.)

Dad's working very hard these days.

(This is happening for a short time only.)

3 Write the -ing form of the verbs in the correct column.

ask begin buy close dance drive leave open run
sit smile stop swim talk watch

-ing	-e + -ing	double consonant + -ing
asking		

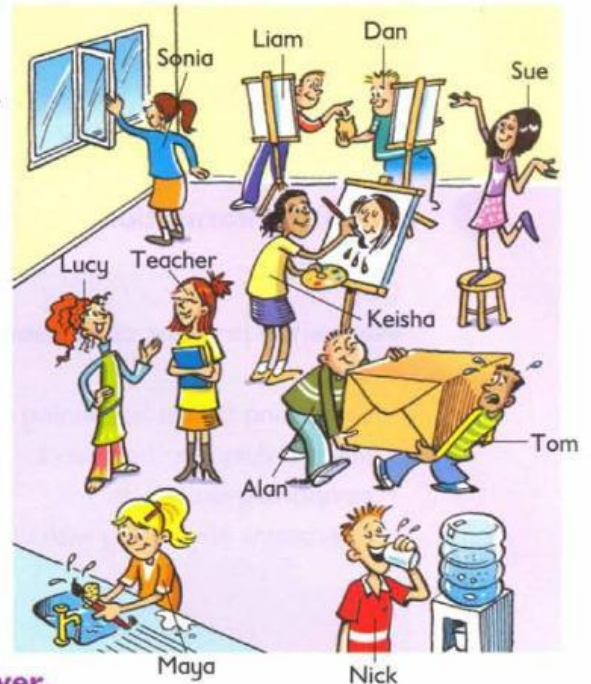
4 Complete with the present continuous.

- It's Sunday and we *'re having* a barbecue in the garden. (have)
- Dad steak on the barbecue. (cook)
- Mum some sandwiches. (make)
- Samantha photos with her new camera. (take)
- Eric and Peter chess. (play)
- Carol a letter to her new penfriend. (write)
- Grandma and Grandpa under the tree. (sit)
- The baby (sleep)
- We a fantastic time! (have)
- And I my new sunglasses today! (wear)



5 Look at the picture and correct the sentences.

- 1 Sonia is opening the door.
Sonia isn't opening the door. She's opening the window.
- 2 Maya is washing her face.
.....
- 3 Liam and Dan are painting.
.....
- 4 Lucy is talking to Sonia.
.....
- 5 Tom and Alan are carrying a chair.
.....
- 6 Keisha is writing in her notebook.
.....
- 7 Sue is standing on a box.
.....



6 Look at the picture in Exercise 5. Ask and answer.

- 1 Sonia / paint?
Is Sonia painting? *No, she isn't.*
- 2 Tom and Alan / talk / to the teacher?
.....
- 3 Nick / drink / water?
.....
- 4 Maya / wash / her brushes?
.....
- 5 Keisha / open / the window?
.....
- 6 Liam and Dan / eat?
.....
- 7 Sue / stand / on a chair?
.....

7 Complete with the present continuous.

- A: Hi, Becky. This is Diane.
B: Oh, hi Diane. Where are you?
A: I'm at the sports centre with Sarah. We ¹ *'re playing* (play) tennis.
What ² (you / do)?
B: I ³ (watch) a DVD.
A: Are your mum and dad there?
B: Yes. Mum ⁴ (make) the tea and Dad ⁵
(read) the paper. He ⁶ (not work) today.
A: Oh. What about your brother? Is ⁷ (he / play) the drums again?
B: No, he ⁸ He ⁹ (listen) to his new CD.
And he ¹⁰ (dance)!

Present continuous and present simple



8 Complete the tables.

Present simple

He plays football every day.
We stay at home on Sundays.
She always breakfast at eight o'clock.

Time expressions

every day, on Sundays, at weekends,
always, usually, sometimes, once a week

Present continuous

He playing football at the moment.
We're at home today.
She's having breakfast right now.

Time expressions

now, right now, at the moment, today,
this week, these days

9 Read the information.

We use the **present simple**:

- for things that happen regularly.
They watch TV every day.
- for things that are always or usually true.
He works in London.

We use the **present continuous**:

- for things that are happening now.
They're watching TV at the moment.
- for temporary situations.
He's working in London this week.

Stative verbs

- We usually use the **present simple**, not the **present continuous**, for these verbs: *believe, forget, hate, have (= have got), hear, know, like, love, need, remember, think, understand, want*
I like pop music. ✓
~~*I'm liking pop music.*~~
What do you want? ✓
~~*What are you wanting?*~~

10 Look and write.

Every Monday afternoon



- Beth usually does her homework on Monday afternoons. (do)
Today she 's going to the dentist. (go)
- Harry usually for TeenLink on Monday afternoons. (write)
Today he for a test. (study)
- Peter and Lucy usually their rooms on Monday afternoons. (tidy)
Today they an art gallery. (visit)
- Sophie usually the piano on Monday afternoons. (play)
Today she TV. (watch)

Today



11 Complete with the present simple or present continuous.

- Peter and Lucy are watching TV at the moment. (watch)
- We to the cinema every week. (not go)
- The baby right now. (not sleep)
- We usually our grandparents on Sundays. (visit)
- What's that noise? the violin again? (Lucy / play)
- Ben his new shoes today. (wear)
- her room every day? (Emma / tidy)
- today? (your father / work)
- I my teeth three times a day. (brush)
- the house on Saturdays? (your mother / clean)

12 Complete the questions with one word. Write true answers.

- | | | | |
|---|----|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Do | you live near your school? | Yes, I do. / No, I don't. |
| 2 | Is | your teacher speaking right now? | Yes, she is. / No, she isn't. |
| 3 | | your friends visit you on Sundays? | |
| 4 | | it raining at the moment? | |
| 5 | | your best friend speak French? | |
| 6 | | your teacher drive a car? | |
| 7 | | you listening to music? | |
| 8 | | you like pop music? | |

Writing practice

13 Read and complete.

Hi Izumi

Today is Sunday and I'm at home. My family and I usually ¹ go (go) out for a meal on Sunday but not today. The weather is very good so we ² (have) a barbecue in the garden! Our friends Harry and Beth are here, too. They usually ³ (spend) Sunday with their family but today they ⁴ (have) lunch with us. At the moment, they're in the garden with Peter. They ⁵ (help) Dad with the barbeque. Mum ⁶ (wash) the salad and I ⁷ (make) the lemonade – well, I ⁸ (not make) it right now because I ⁹ (write) to you! What ¹⁰ (you / do) today?

Love
Lucy

14 Write.

It's Wednesday and you are on holiday with your family. Write a postcard to a friend. Write about what you usually do on Wednesdays and what you are doing today. Use these ideas to help you.

Usually on Wednesdays
 have an English lesson
 visit my grandmother
 go to work
 go to college

Today
 sit on the beach
 swim
 play handball
 read a magazine

Hi!

Today is Wednesday. On Wednesdays, I usually

My mum usually

My dad

My brother/sister

But today we're on holiday! I

My mum

My dad

My brother/sister