14 He isn't reading a book.

Grammar Station

Present Continuous: Negative

★ We put *not* **after the verb *be*** to make negative sentences in the present continuous.

Negative		
Subject	Be + Not	Verb *-ing*
I	**am** not (=**I'm not**)	**play**ing.
He/She/It	**is** not (=**isn't**)	
We/You/They	**are** not (=**aren't**)	



I'm sitting on the sofa.
I'm not sitting on the chair.



He's reading a newspaper.
He **isn't reading** a book.



She is drinking orange juice.
She **isn't drinking** milk.



They are making a model plane.
They **aren't making** a kite.

Check the correct sentences.

1. ☑ He isn't cooking.
   ☐ He's cooking not.
3. ☐ I'm not studying.
   ☐ I don't studying.
2. ☐ They don't watching TV.
   ☐ They aren't watching TV.
4. ☐ She not reading a book.
   ☐ She isn't reading a book.

A **Circle the correct words.**

1. (I'm not / I don't) wearing a cap.
2. He (isn't / doesn't) having lunch.
3. She (isn't / doesn't) crying now.
4. We (aren't / don't) visiting a farm.
5. They aren't (take / taking) pictures.
6. Tim isn't (plays / playing) baseball.
7. It isn't (flies / flying) away.
8. The girls aren't (cook / cooking).

B **Match the sentences.**

1. I'm reading comic books.	• They aren't watching TV.
2. My mom is cooking.	• He isn't riding a bike.
3. My dad is driving a car.	• She isn't reading a book.
4. Tim and Joe are studying.	• I'm not studying.
5. My sister and I are dancing.	• It isn't sitting on the grass.
6. The cheetah is running.	• We aren't singing.

C **Choose and complete the sentences.**

talk wash ~~read~~ play bake eat



1. My dad isn't reading the newspaper.
   He is _____ on the phone.
2. My mom isn't _____ the dishes.
   She is _____ some cookies.
3. My sister and I aren't _____ dinner.
   We are _____ with our dog.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Practice

A **Complete the sentences in the present continuous.**



1. The children aren't cleaning the room. (clean)
   They _____ in the room. (play)
2. Lucy _____ the box. (make)
   She _____ the box. (open)
3. Debbie _____ a picture. (draw)
   She _____ a picture. (take)

B **Complete the negative sentences in the present continuous.**

1. he / cut — He isn't cutting the paper.
2. they / make — _____ a cake.
3. we / walk — _____ our dog.
4. she / buy — _____ a new dress.
5. I / wash — _____ my hair.
6. you / drink — _____ tea.

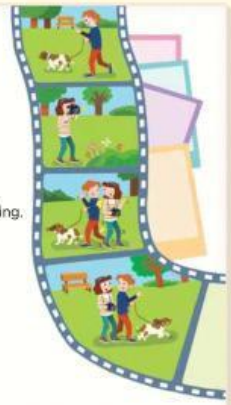
C **Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.**

1. They don't asking questions. → They aren't asking questions.
2. He isn't joging in the park. → _____
3. I amn't opening the door. → _____
4. She isn't studiing science now. → _____
5. We aren't makeing a doghouse. → _____

Grammar in Writing

When you write a play, you can use the present continuous to describe the scenes.

Complete the play in the negative present continuous.



Scene 1 A boy is taking a walk in the park.
He isn't jogging (jog).
He _____ (wear) his glasses.

Scene 2 A girl is taking a picture in the park.
She _____ (draw) a picture.
She _____ (look) where she is going.

Scene 3 The boy walks into the girl.
But they _____ (get) angry.
That's because they are best friends.

Scene 4 They are walking together.
They _____ (say) goodbye.

Review!

Complete the chart.

Positive	Negative
I'm wearing a cap.	I'm not wearing a cap.
You are drinking tea.	_____ tea.
He is jogging in the park.	_____ in the park.
She is running to school.	_____ to school.
We are taking pictures.	_____ pictures.
They are making bubbles.	_____ bubbles.

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