1 We're wearing our new uniform!

Grammar: The present continuous: affirmative and negative statements • The present participle: spelling rules
Vocabulary: Family and other relationships
Social language: Ask if someone is busy • Offer to call back later

Topic Snapshot

(1.03) **1. Read and listen to the phone conversation.**

Jake: Hi, Mollie. Where are you?

Mollie: Oh, hi, Jake. I'm at the mall with Sara. We're shopping for new gym shoes.

Sara: Hey, Mollie! What about these?

Mollie: Just a minute, Sara. My teammate Jake's calling.

Jake: Who's Sara?

Mollie: She's my cousin. My mom's sister is her mother.

Jake: Cool. Hey, guess what.

Mollie: What?

Jake: I'm wearing the new volleyball team uniform! You should come now!

Mollie: The new uniforms are in? That's great! Sara's buying a pair of shoes right now. I can be there in about twenty minutes. OK?

Jake: Great! See you soon.

2. Match the two parts of each statement, according to the Topic Snapshot.

1. Mollie is ... — b.
2. Jake is ...
3. Sara is ...

a. buying new gym shoes now.
b. shopping with her cousin, Sara.
c. calling his teammate on the phone.
d. speaking to her teammate on the phone.
e. not talking on the phone.
f. wearing the new uniform.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Grammar The present continuous: affirmative and negative statements

1. Study the grammar.

- Use the present continuous for actions in progress now.
- Use a form of *be* and a present participle.

Affirmative statements	Negative statements
I **am doing** my homework.	I **am not playing** video games.
She **is visiting** her cousin.	He **is not staying** home.
We **are watching** TV.	They **are not listening** to music.

Reminder

Contractions with *be* + *not*
am not = ***'m not***
is not = ***'s not*** **OR** ***isn't***
are not = ***'re not*** **OR** ***aren't***

Language tip

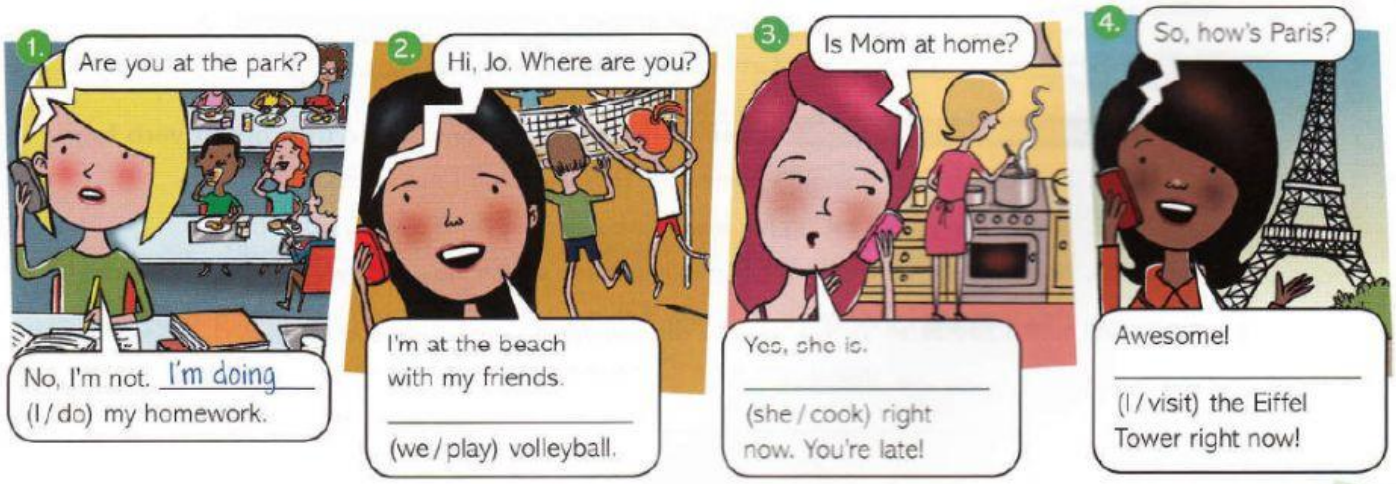
- You can use *'re* and *'re not* with subject pronouns.
  They're watching TV. / They're not watching TV.
- Don't use *'re* and *'re not* with names or nouns. Use *are* and *aren't*.
  My friends are playing video games. **NOT** ~~*My friends're playing video games.*~~
  Megan and Ross aren't watching TV. **NOT** ~~*Megan and Ross're not watching TV.*~~

1.04 **2. Pronunciation Listen to the grammar examples. Repeat.**

3. Complete each statement with the present continuous. Write an affirmative or negative form of *be*. Use contractions.

1. Gail 's _____ wearing the new soccer uniform. It's very nice!
2. My brothers _____ playing video games now. They're doing their homework.
3. I _____ calling my grandma right now. It's her birthday!
4. We _____ staying home today. It's too cold and windy outside.
5. My mom and dad _____ watching TV in the living room. They're in the kitchen.
6. Mr. York is usually our teacher, but Ms. Magid _____ teaching our class right now.

4. Complete the conversations. Write the present continuous forms of the verbs. Use contractions.



LIVEWORKSHEETS

Grammar The present participle: spelling rules

1. Study the grammar.

To form the present participle, add *-ing* to the base form of the verb.

base form		present participle
listen	→	listen**ing**
call	→	call**ing**

If the base form ends in *-e*, drop the *-e* and add *-ing*.
write → writ**ing** dance → danc**ing**

If the base form ends in one vowel and one consonant, double the consonant and add *-ing*.
swim → swim**ming** shop → shop**ping**

If the consonant is *w*, *x*, or *y*, don't double the consonant. Just add *-ing*.
draw → draw**ing** play → play**ing**

Vowels
a e i o u

Consonants
b c d f g h j
k l m n p q r
s t v w x y z

Other present participles
cooking
going
reading
teaching
wearing

2. Write the present participle of each base form.

1. listen listening
2. practice _____
3. dance _____
4. swim _____
5. sing _____
6. draw _____
7. ride _____
8. play _____
9. go _____
10. cook _____
11. look _____
12. stop _____

3. Complete each statement with the present continuous. Use contractions.

1. It's cold and windy today, so I'm wearing _____ (I / wear) a warm jacket. _____ (I / not / wear) shorts.
2. My dad isn't at work today. _____ (he / stay) home, and _____ (he / watch) TV.
3. Look! _____ (Carla / dance) right now. What a good dancer!
4. _____ (I / shop) for clothes at the mall.
5. _____ (Marty / go) to the park right now. _____ (He / ride) his bike.

(1.05) **4. Listening comprehension Listen to the conversations. Circle the correct verb form.**

1. He's doing / (not doing) his homework. He's **watching** / **not watching** TV.
2. She's **calling** / **not calling** her friend. She's **playing** / **not playing** video games.
3. He's **visiting** / **not visiting** his grandma. She's **swimming** / **not swimming** at the beach.
4. He's **wearing** / **not wearing** his new T-shirt. His mom's **writing** / **not writing** an e-mail.

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