

## GRAMMAR present continuous

Complete the sentences with the correct form of be. Use contractions after pronouns.

- 1  I'm \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for a bus.
- 2  The children \_\_\_\_\_ drawing a picture.
- 3  My brother \_\_\_\_\_ talking to me at the moment.
- 4  The receptionist \_\_\_\_\_ calling us a taxi.
- 5  I \_\_\_\_\_ listening to you.
- 6  We \_\_\_\_\_ watching the football on TV.

Complete the sentences with the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I'm looking for \_\_\_\_\_ my purse. (look for)
- 2 My brother-in-law \_\_\_\_\_ a new house. (buy)
- 3 We \_\_\_\_\_ because we don't like the music. (not dance)
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ the waitress \_\_\_\_\_ with our dinner? (come)

Complete the questions with the words in parentheses. Use the present continuous. Read the answers first.

1. (your father / read) Is your father reading the newspaper?
2. (what / he / do) What is he doing then?
3. (you / laugh) \_\_\_\_\_ at me?
4. (someone / sit) \_\_\_\_\_ in this seat?
5. (who / the police / talk) \_\_\_\_\_ to?
6. (you and your sister / cook) \_\_\_\_\_ Vietnamese food?
7. (why / people / wear) \_\_\_\_\_ raincoats today?
8. (what / you / look for) \_\_\_\_\_ on the Internet?
9. (your wife's father / stay) \_\_\_\_\_ with you?
10. (you / write) \_\_\_\_\_ something important?
11. (why / we / leave) \_\_\_\_\_ so early?
12. (your cell phone / work) \_\_\_\_\_ all right?
13. (the boss / come) Look! \_\_\_\_\_ this way?
14. (Laura / cry) \_\_\_\_\_ because she's sad?
15. (on the phone) (you / eat) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner now?

Match a line in A with a line in B.

A		B
1 I'm working hard	because	a she's hungry.
2 Jane's learning French.		b we're going on holiday.
3 The baby's crying		c I need the money.
4 Tom's studying hard		d friends are coming for dinner.
5 You're making a lot of mistakes		e she's got a job in Paris.
6 Ken and Sally are cooking		f he has an exam soon.
7 We're packing		g you aren't listening.

- 5 She can't read the menu. She \_\_\_\_\_ her glasses. (not wear)
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ the TV or can I turn it off? (watch)
- 7 I \_\_\_\_\_ this week. I'm on holiday! (not work)
- 8 My niece and nephew \_\_\_\_\_ in the sea. (swim)

POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTION
I am playing.	I am not playing	Am I playing?
He / She / It is playing.	He / She / It isn't playing	Is he / she / it playing?
We / You / They are playing.	We / You / They aren't playing	Are we / you / they playing?

### Time expressions:

- now
- right now
- at the moment
- Look!
- Listen!
- still
- these days
- this time
- today
- tonight
- this morning / afternoon / evening
- currently

### Use:

- **unfinished actions now:** I'm working on a project right now.
- **temporary situations:** I'm working at home this week because my daughter isn't very well.
- **future plans:** I'm visiting my parents this week.