

GRAMMAR present continuous

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

- I'm _____ waiting for a bus.
- The children _____ drawing a picture.
- My brother _____ talking to me at the moment.
- The receptionist _____ calling us a taxi.
- I _____ listening to you.
- We _____ watching the football on TV.

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

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

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.

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

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

- (your father / read) *Is your father reading* the newspaper? No, it isn't here yet.
- (what / he / do) *What is he doing* then? Working in the yard.
- (you / laugh) _____ at me? No, I'm just thinking of something funny.
- (someone / sit) _____ in this seat? No, it's free.
- (who / the police / talk) _____ to? One of the drivers in the accident.
- (you and your sister / cook) _____ Vietnamese food? Yes, we are. It's our first time.
- (why / people / wear) _____ raincoats today? It's raining.
- (what / you / look for) _____ on the Internet? A new cell phone plan.
- (your wife's father / stay) _____ with you? Yes, he is. Just for a week.
- (you / write) _____ something important? No, it's an e-mail to a friend.
- (why / we / leave) _____ so early? The movie theater is really far from here.
- (your cell phone / work) _____ all right? Yes. Is something wrong with yours?
- (the boss / come) Look! _____ this way? No, she's walking the other way.
- (Laura / cry) _____ because she's sad? No, she has a toothache.
- (on the phone) (you / eat) _____ dinner now? No, we're finished.

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.