

Present Continuous

GRAMMAR Present Continuous

We use the Present Continuous to talk about actions that are happening now.

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I'm talking.	I'm not talking.
You're talking.	They aren't talking.
He's talking.	She isn't talking.
?	
Are they talking?	Yes, they are./No, they aren't.
Is she talking?	Yes, she is./No, she isn't.
How's it going? Why are they smiling?	

1 ● Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with the Present Continuous of these verbs. Use full forms.

cry laugh listen to music read walk write



1 They are reading.



2 I .



3 We .



4 He .



5 She .



6 You .

2 ● Write the short forms.

- 1 They are = They're
- 2 You are =
- 3 He is =
- 4 We are =
- 5 It is =
- 6 She is =

3 ● Rewrite the sentences in Exercise 1 in the negative form.

1 They aren't reading.

- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

4 ● Order the words to make questions.

1 it / raining / is / ?

Is it raining?

2 Hannah / is / running / why / ?

3 working / is / today / dad / your / ?

4 a / students / are / doing / test / the / ?

5 TV / what / watching / are / you / on / ?

5 ● Match the questions in Exercise 4 with answers a–e.

a Because she's late.

b No, it isn't.

c Yes, they are.

d A new film.

e Yes, he is.

6 ● Complete with the Present Continuous form or a short answer.

Andy: Hi! What ¹ are you doing (you/do)?

² (you/watch) TV?

Ben: No, ³ . I ⁴ (do) my homework. How about you?

Andy: I ⁵ (not do) any homework.

⁶ (listen) to some music.

My mum ⁷ (cook) dinner.

Ben: What ⁸ (she/cook)? Is she making something nice?

Andy: Yes, ⁹ . Burgers! Yum! And my dad ¹⁰ (bake) a cake.

Ben: I ¹¹ (feel) hungry now!