

Grammar

Present continuous for activities in progress

- 1** ★ Complete the sentences with *am*, *is* or *are*.

We are camping in the forest.

- 1 We _____ having a great time.
- 2 I _____ learning how to build a shelter.
- 3 Our teacher _____ swimming in the river.
- 4 Lucy _____ sleeping under a tree.
- 5 James and Ben _____ making dinner.

- 2**   Rewrite the sentences in exercise 1 with the negative form of the present continuous.

We aren't camping in the forest.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

- 3**  Complete the text with the present continuous affirmative or negative form of the verbs in brackets.

I'm in Norway with my family. We

(1) are staying
(stay) in a beautiful

hotel in the north
of the country. I'm
happy because I



(2) _____ (not share) a room with my brother. My mum and I (3) _____ (try) some winter sports for the first time. Dad and my brother (4) _____ (learn) survival skills. At the moment, they (5) _____ (build) a shelter and my mum and I

(6) _____ (fish) in a boat on the lake. It

(7) _____ (not snow) at the moment,
but it's very cold!

- 4 ★ Complete the questions with *Is* or *Are*.

- 1 Are you building a fire?
2 Is she swimming in the river?
3 Is your dad working today?
4 Is camping fun?
5 Are they learning English?

- 5  Match the questions in exercise 4 with the short answers.

- a) Yes, it is.
- b) No, she isn't.
- c) No, they aren't.
- d) Yes, he is.
- e) Yes, I am.

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- 6**  Complete the telephone conversation with the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Complete the short answers.



Emily Hi, Mum. It's me – Emily.

Mum Emily! How are you? ⁽¹⁾ Are
you sleeping (sleep) in a bed?

Emily No, I ⁽²⁾ _____ . I
⁽³⁾ _____ (camp) in a tent.

Mum ⁽⁴⁾ _____ you _____
(eat) well?

Emily Yes, we ⁽⁵⁾ _____. Uncle James ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (make) dinner at the moment.

Mum ⁽⁷⁾ _____ he _____
(cook) fish from the lake?

Emily No, he ⁽⁸⁾ _____. All our food is from the supermarket!