GRAMMAR Present continuous

Learner tip

Use short forms (*I'm, you're, she's, it's, we're, they're*) as much as possible in conversation as this sounds much more natural. In written English, use short forms in emails or any other informal writing, but avoid using them in formal letters.

A Rearrange the words to make sentences. Then add the short form.

1 are / sleeping / They
They are sleeping. They're sleeping.
2 is / shopping / the / He / doing
.....
3 are / university / We / at / studying
.....
4 watching / I / TV / am
.....
5 working / are / You / hard
.....
6 growing / She / fast / is
.....

B Rewrite the sentences in exercise A as negative short forms.

1 *They aren't sleeping.*
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....

C Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets. Use short forms when appropriate.

1 *We're having* a sale this week. (have)
2 Just a moment, please. I ..... to someone on the phone. (talk)
3 My sister and her boyfriend ..... with me at the moment. (stay)
4 Those shirts ..... very well. (not sell)
5 He's in the living room. I think he ..... a film. (watch)
6 Your daughter ..... very well in English and Art. (do)
7 Ruby is happy because she ..... today. (not work)
8 Where ..... you ..... ? (go)

D Correct the sentences. There is one mistake in each sentence.

1 We having a sale this week.
We're having a sale this week.
2 They's watching TV.
.....
3 We're do well.
.....
4 Are you studing at university?
.....
5 How is you feeling today?
.....
6 I working hard.
.....

LISTENING

A 5.5 Steve is following a customer. Why? Listen and tick (✓) the correct answer.

1 He wants to sell him a shirt. [ ]
2 He thinks he's stealing from the shop. [ ]
3 He wants to show him to the fourth floor. [ ]

B Listen again. Which picture shows the man that Steve is describing?

1 ☐



2 ☐



3 ☐



LIVEWORKSHEETS

READING

A Read the magazine article and choose the best title.

1 Department stores are too expensive .....
2 Department stores – old and new .....
3 The worst department store in the world .....

Where can you buy anything, from cakes to coats? The answer, of course, is a department store.

The first department store was probably the Bon Marché in Paris. 'Bon Marché' means 'bargain' in French. It started in 1838 as a small shop where you could buy lots of different things in one place. This was ***unusual*** at that time. By 1852 it was a ***successful*** business and moved to a beautiful building which was designed by Gustave Eiffel. The store is still there today, and is doing very well.



One of the most famous department stores in the world is Harrod's in London, which opened nearly 150 years ago. You can buy anything there, from dogs and cats to ***gold bars***. Some people say it is expensive, but twice a year it has a sale when you can find some fantastic bargains. For many people, the food hall is the best department. It sells 300 cheeses and 50 different kinds of fresh fish. You can even buy a ***wedding cake*** for £2000!

Online shopping is becoming more and more popular, and some people say that department stores are losing customers. But people in the city of Busan, South Korea, still like shopping in real shops, too. In 2009 the biggest department store in the world opened in Busan. It's called Shinsegae Centum City, and it has 14 floors and more than 6000 people work there. There's a cinema, some restaurants, a gym, and even a garden. It really is a department store for the 21st century!

Glossary

unusual: something that does not happen often
successful: something that does well
gold bar: a heavy piece of precious yellow metal
wedding cake: a special cake that you eat when you get married
real: something that exists

B Try to complete the sentences with the numbers in the box. Don't look back at the article!

300	2009	1852	14
nineteenth	1838		

1 The Bon Marché opened in ***1838***.
2 In ....., Gustave Eiffel designed a new store for the Bon Marché.
3 Harrod's opened in the ..... century.
4 Harrod's sells ..... different cheeses.
5 Shinsegae Centum City opened in ..... .
6 The store at Shinsegae Centum City has ..... floors.

C Now read the article again and check.

D Underline the correct information.

1 The original Bon Marché shop was in **Paris / London**.
2 When it opened, the Bon Marché sold **good value / expensive** things.
3 Harrod's **sells / doesn't sell** animals.
4 The food hall in Harrod's has a **small / large** choice of things to buy.
5 Shopping is **popular / unpopular** in South Korea.
6 6000 people **visit Shinsegae Centum City every day / work at Shinsegae Centum City**.



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