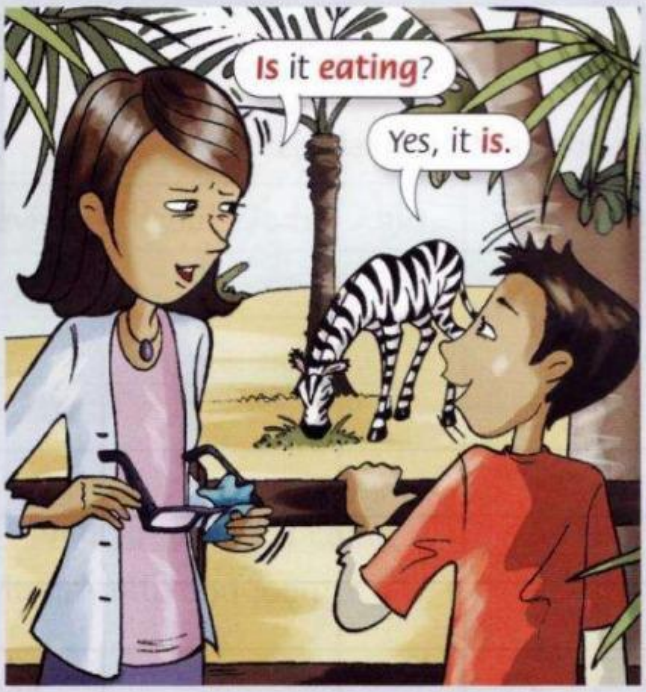
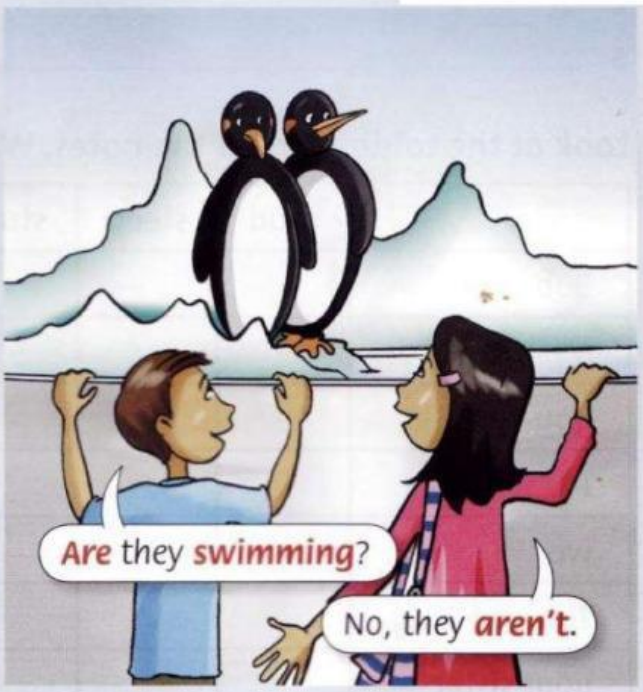
5 A visit to the zoo

The present continuous: questions and short answers





Questions	Short answers	
Am I **playing?**	Yes, I **am.**	No, I**'m not.**
Are you **playing?**	Yes, you **are.**	No, you **aren't.**
Is he **playing?**	Yes, he **is.**	No, he **isn't.**
Is she **playing?**	Yes, she **is.**	No, she **isn't.**
Is it **playing?**	Yes, it **is.**	No, it **isn't.**
Are we **playing?**	Yes, we **are.**	No, we **aren't.**
Are you **playing?**	Yes, you **are.**	No, you **aren't.**
Are they **playing?**	Yes, they **are.**	No, they **aren't.**

Note that we don't repeat the -ing verb in short answers to questions in the present continuous.

Are** you **watching** TV?* *No, we **aren't.

When we give a short answer, we always use a pronoun.

Is John playing in the garden? *Yes, he **is.***

Are Mum and Dad playing chess? *No, they **aren't.***

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1 Write questions, using the present continuous.

1 he / light / a fire?
Is he lighting a fire?

2 Jane / do / her homework?

3 we / have / dinner / now?

4 You and Tom / play / a computer game?

5 you / get dressed?

2 Write questions for these answers.

1 

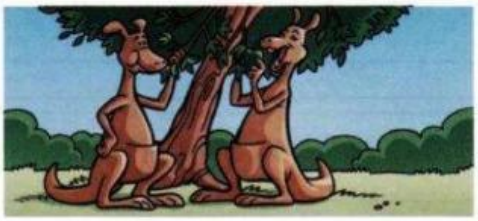
Is the lion sleeping?
Yes, the lion's sleeping.

2 

No, the monkey isn't flying. It's climbing.

3 

Yes, the parrots are flying.

4 

No, the kangaroos aren't sleeping. They're eating.

5 

No, the zebra isn't eating. It's running.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 Look at the pictures. Write short answers.

1 

Is Teresa holding a comb?
Yes, she is.

2 

Are they studying?

3 

Is Frank carrying a big bag?

4 

Are they playing games?

5 

Is Mr Rogers reading a newspaper?

6 

Is Grandpa dancing?

3 Write questions and short answers in the present continuous.

1 I / learn / English / ? / ✓
Am I learning English? Yes, I am.

2 Amy / talk / ? / ✗

3 my Mum and Dad / sit / on the beach / ? / ✗

4 we / have / dinner / ? / ✓

5 my Grandma and Grandpa / visit / the zoo / ? / ✓

LIVEWORKSHEETS

5 What are the animals doing? Write questions and short answers.



1 chimpanzee / eat / ?
Is the chimpanzee eating?
Yes, it is.

2 snakes / sleep / ?

3 penguins / swim / ?

4 mouse / eat / ?

5 crocodile / sleep / ?

6 zebra / drink / ?

7 spider / climb / ?

8 lizard / dive / ?

LIVEWORKSHEETS