

12 At the wedding

The present continuous (2)

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Grandma's next to Grandpa. They're **sleeping**. Dad's next to the table. He's **eating**.



We use the present continuous to talk about things that are happening now. We make the present continuous with a form of **be** and the base form of the verb with **ing** added.

Short form

I'm
you're
he's / she's / it's
we're
you're
they're

eating

Long form

I **am**
you **are**
he **is** / she **is** / it **is**
we **are**
you **are**
they **are**

eating

1 Circle A or B.

- 1  She's taking photos. A B
- 2  I'm wearing a tie. A B
- 3  She's eating. A B
- 4  They're eating. A B
- 5  She's drinking. A B
- 6  I'm wearing a hat. A B
- 7  She's drinking. A B
- 8  They're talking. A B



2 Complete Jamie's email. Write the correct short form of **be**.



Dear Martin

We 're getting ready for the wedding.

I _____ listening to music. Alison is in her bedroom. She _____ brushing her hair.

Grandpa and Grandma are in the living room. They _____ talking.

Mum is in the kitchen. She _____ making a cake. Dad is outside. He _____ washing the car.

Jamie

3 Write the correct form of the verb in brackets.



1 He 's eating _____ . (eat)

2 She _____ . (drink)

3 She _____ . (sing)

4 He _____ photos. (take)

5 They _____ . (talk)

6 We _____ to the band. (listen)

4 Write the words in the correct order.

1 making We're a cake

2 washing the car They're

_____.

_____.

3 music playing They're

4 writing invitations We're

_____.

_____.

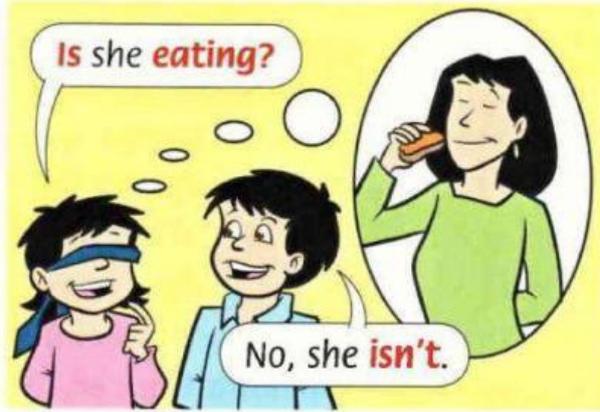
5 listening to the band He's

6 cake eating She's

_____.

_____.

Present continuous questions



In present continuous questions the word order changes as usual.

Question

Am I
Are you
Is he
Is she eating?
Is it
Are we
Are you
Are they

Short answers

Yes, I am .	No, I'm not .
Yes, you are .	No, you aren't .
Yes, he is .	No, he isn't .
Yes, she is .	No, she isn't .
Yes, it is .	No, it isn't .
Yes, we are .	No, we aren't .
Yes, you are .	No, you aren't .
Yes, they are .	No, they aren't .

aren't = are not
isn't = is not



5 Match.

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| 1 Are Grandma and Grandpa sleeping? | No, she isn't. |
| 2 Is Dad listening to the band? | No, they aren't. |
| 3 Are Alison and Jamie playing? | Yes, they are. |
| 4 Is Alison eating? | Yes, he is. |

6 Write questions and answers. Use the verbs in brackets.



1
Is he making (make) a cake?
Yes, he is.



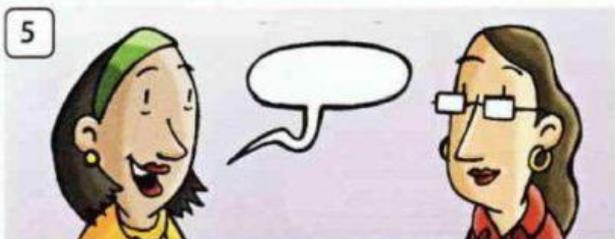
2
_____ he _____ (listen) to music?
_____, _____.



3
_____ they _____ (sleep)?
_____, _____.



4
_____ they _____ (talk)?
_____, _____.



5
_____ she _____ (drink)?
_____, _____.



6
_____ they _____ (play) music?
_____, _____.

7 Write questions and answers. Use the verbs in the box.

play sleep make write do



1
What are they doing?
They're playing.



2
What _____?
_____ a cake.



3
Is _____?
Yes, _____.



4
Is _____ an email?
Yes, _____.