

I am doing (present continuous)

A



She's eating.
She **isn't** reading.



It's raining.
The sun **isn't** shining.



They're running.
They **aren't** walking.

The present continuous is:

am/is/are + doing/eating/running/writing etc.

I	am (not)	-ing
he she it	is (not)	
we you they	are (not)	

- ☐ I'm working. I'm not watching TV.
- ☐ Maria **is reading** a newspaper.
- ☐ She **isn't eating**. (or She's not eating.)
- ☐ The bus **is coming**.
- ☐ We're **having** dinner.
- ☐ You're **not listening** to me. (or You **aren't listening** ...)
- ☐ The children **are doing** their homework.

B

am/is/are + -ing = something is happening *now*:

I'm working
she's wearing a hat
they're playing football
I'm not watching TV

past
now
future

- ☐ Please be quiet. I'm working. (= I'm working now)
- ☐ Look, there's Sarah. She's wearing a brown coat. (= she is wearing it now)
- ☐ The weather is nice. It's not raining.
- ☐ 'Where are the children?' 'They're playing in the park.'
- ☐ (on the phone) We're having dinner now. Can I call you later?
- ☐ You can turn off the television. I'm not watching it.

Spelling (→ Appendix 5):

come → coming write → writing dance → dancing
run → running sit → sitting swim → swimming
lie → lying

Exercises

3.1 What are these people doing? Use these verbs to complete the sentences:

~~eat~~ have lie play sit wait



- 1 She's eating an apple. 4 on the floor.
 2 He for a bus. 5 breakfast.
 3 They football. 6 on the table.

3.2 Complete the sentences. Use these verbs:

build cook go have stand stay swim ~~work~~

- 1 Please be quiet. I 'm working.
 2 'Where's John?' 'He's in the kitchen. He'
 3 'You on my foot.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
 4 Look! Somebody in the river.
 5 We're here on holiday. We at the Central Hotel.
 6 'Where's Sue?' 'She a shower.'
 7 They a new hotel in the city centre at the moment.
 8 I now. Goodbye.

3.3 Look at the picture. Write sentences about Jane. Use **She's -ing** or **She isn't -ing**.



Jane

- 1 (have dinner) Jane isn't having dinner.
 2 (watch TV) She's watching TV.
 3 (sit on the floor) She
 4 (read a book)
 5 (play the piano)
 6 (laugh)
 7 (wear a hat)
 8 (drink coffee)

3.4 What's happening now? Write true sentences.

- 1 (I / wash / my hair) I'm not washing my hair.
 2 (it / snow) It's snowing. or It isn't snowing.
 3 (I / sit / on a chair)
 4 (I / eat)
 5 (it / rain)
 6 (I / learn / English)
 7 (I / listen / to music)
 8 (the sun / shine)
 9 (I / wear / shoes)
 10 (I / read / a newspaper)