

4 At the seaside

The present continuous (1)

Spelling rules: the -ing form



Look at these rules for spelling the -ing form:

Verb	Example	Add	Present continuous
most verbs	play	+ -ing	playing
verbs ending consonant + -e	write	e + -ing	writing
verbs ending one vowel + one consonant, except -y or -w,	snorkel	double consonant + -ing	snorkelling

1 Match 1–9 with the correct ending to make -ing words.

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|---------|------|----------|
| 1 swim | ing | _____ |
| 2 carry | ting | _____ |
| 3 read | ing | _____ |
| 4 pla | ying | _____ |
| 5 draw | ing | _____ |
| 6 go | ying | _____ |
| 7 put | ming | swimming |
| 8 stud | ing | _____ |

The present continuous affirmative



Affirmative

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

Short forms

I'**m** playing
you'**re** playing
he'**s** playing
she'**s** playing
it'**s** playing
we'**re** playing
you'**re** playing
they'**re** playing

We don't use short forms after two names.

*Eric and Charlie **are playing** volleyball.*

BUT

*They'**re playing** volleyball*

*John's **playing** volleyball.*

We use the present continuous to talk about:

- Something that is happening at the moment we are speaking.
*She's **talking** to someone on the phone at the moment.*
- Something that is happening around now for a short time.
*I'm **staying** at my aunt's house for two months.*

We do not use the present continuous to talk about things that happen regularly.

2 Write sentences using the present continuous. Use short forms if possible.

1 Dad / windsurf

Dad's windsurfing.

3 Scott and Lucy / read comics

5 we / skateboard

2 I / comb / my hair

4 you / play chess

6 Kate / listen to a CD

3 Describe what the people are doing. Use phrases from the box.

sit on the beach eat a sandwich swim read a comic make a fire



1 Molly

Molly's reading a comic.

2 Mum, Molly and Toby

3 Dad

4 Toby

5 Charlie and Harry

The present continuous negative



Negative

I am not playing
you are not playing
he is not playing
she is not playing
it is not playing
we are not playing
you are not playing
they are not playing

Short forms

I'm not playing
you aren't playing
he isn't playing
she isn't playing
it isn't playing
we aren't playing
you aren't playing
they aren't playing



4 Look at the sentences in exercise 3. Make them negative.

- 1 Molly isn't reading a comic.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

5 Look at the table. Correct the notes. Write complete sentences.

	read	sleep	study	work	run	make lunch	drive
Bob							✓
Mrs Green						✓	
you			✓				
I					✓		
we	✓						
Tim and Billy		✓					
your sister				✓			

- 1 Bob / read
Bob isn't reading. He's driving.
- 2 your sister / sleep

- 3 we / work

- 4 Tim and Billy / make lunch

- 5 I / study

- 6 you / run

- 7 Mrs Green / drive

