

# We're wearing our new uniform!

**Grammar:** The present continuous: affirmative and negative statements • The present participle: spelling rules  
**Vocabulary:** Family and other relationships  
**Social language:** Ask if someone is busy • Offer to call back later

## Topic Snapshot

1.03 1. Read and listen to the phone conversation.



**Jake:** Hi, Mollie. Where are you?  
**Mollie:** Oh, hi, Jake. I'm at the mall with Sara.  
 We're shopping for new gym shoes.  
**Sara:** Hey, Mollie! What about these?



**Mollie:** Just a minute, Sara. My teammate  
 Jake's calling.  
**Jake:** Who's Sara?  
**Mollie:** She's my cousin. My mom's sister  
 is her mother.



**Jake:** Cool. Hey, guess what.  
**Mollie:** What?  
**Jake:** I'm wearing the new volleyball team  
 uniform! You should come now!



**Mollie:** The new uniforms are in? That's great!  
 Sara's buying a pair of shoes right now.  
 I can be there in about twenty minutes. OK?  
**Jake:** Great! See you soon.

2. Match the two parts of each statement, according to the Topic Snapshot.

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|------------------|-------|---|
| 1. Mollie is ... | _____ | a. buying new gym shoes now.              |
| 2. Jake is ...   |       | b. shopping with her cousin, Sara.        |
| 3. Sara is ...   |       | c. calling his teammate on the phone.     |
|                  |       | d. speaking to her teammate on the phone. |
|                  |       | e. not talking on the phone.              |
|                  |       | f. wearing the new uniform.               |

## Grammar The present continuous: affirmative and negative statements

### 1. Study the grammar.

- Use the present continuous for actions in progress now.
- Use a form of *be* and a present participle.

They're watching TV right now.

Affirmative statements	Negative statements
I <b>am doing</b> my homework.	I <b>am not playing</b> video games.
She <b>is visiting</b> her cousin.	He <b>is not staying</b> home.
We <b>are watching</b> TV.	They <b>are not listening</b> to music.



#### Language tip

- You can use *'re* and *'re not* with subject pronouns.  
*They're watching TV. / They're not watching TV.*
- Don't use *'re* and *'re not* with names or nouns. Use *are* and *aren't*.  
*My friends are playing video games. NOT My friends're playing video games.*  
*Megan and Ross aren't watching TV. NOT Megan and Ross're not watching TV.*

#### Reminder

Contractions with *be* + *not*  
*am not* = *'m not*  
*is not* = *'s not* **OR** *isn't*  
*are not* = *'re not* **OR** *aren't*

### 2. Pronunciation Listen to the grammar examples. Repeat.

### 3. Complete each statement with the present continuous. Write an affirmative or negative form of *be*. Use contractions.

1. Gail 's wearing the new soccer uniform. It's very nice!
2. My brothers \_\_\_\_\_ playing video games now. They're doing their homework.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ calling my grandma right now. It's her birthday!
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ staying home today. It's too cold and windy outside.
5. My mom and dad \_\_\_\_\_ watching TV in the living room. They're in the kitchen.
6. Mr. York is usually our teacher, but Ms. Magid \_\_\_\_\_ teaching our class right now.

### 4. Complete the conversations. Write the present continuous forms of the verbs. Use contractions.

1. Are you at the park?

No, I'm not. I'm doing  
(I / do) my homework.

2. Hi, Jo. Where are you?

I'm at the beach  
with my friends.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(we / play) volleyball.

3. Is Mom at home?

Yes, she is.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(she / cook) right  
now. You're late!

4. So, how's Paris?

Awesome!  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(I / visit) the Eiffel  
Tower right now!

## Grammar The present participle: spelling rules

### 1. Study the grammar.

To form the present participle, add *-ing* to the base form of the verb.

base form	→	present participle
listen	→	listening
call	→	calling

If the base form ends in *-e*, drop the *-e* and add *-ing*.

write → writing    dance → dancing

If the base form ends in one vowel and one consonant, double the consonant and add *-ing*.

swim → swimming    shop → shopping

If the consonant is *w*, *x*, or *y*, don't double the consonant. Just add *-ing*.

draw → drawing    play → playing

#### Vowels

a e i o u

#### Consonants

b c d f g h j  
k l m n p q r  
s t v w x y z

#### Other present participles

cooking  
going  
reading  
teaching  
wearing

### 2. Write the present participle of each base form.

- |             |                  |         |       |          |       |
|-------------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1. listen   | <u>listening</u> | 5. sing | _____ | 9. go    | _____ |
| 2. practice | _____            | 6. draw | _____ | 10. cook | _____ |
| 3. dance    | _____            | 7. ride | _____ | 11. look | _____ |
| 4. swim     | _____            | 8. play | _____ | 12. stop | _____ |

### 3. Complete each statement with the present continuous. Use contractions.

- It's cold and windy today, so I'm wearing \_\_\_\_\_ (I / wear) a warm jacket.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (I / not / wear) shorts.
- My dad isn't at work today. \_\_\_\_\_ (he / stay) home, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (he / watch) TV.
- Look! \_\_\_\_\_ (Carla / dance) right now. What a good dancer!
- \_\_\_\_\_ (I / shop) for clothes at the mall.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Marty / go) to the park right now. \_\_\_\_\_ (He / ride) his bike.

### 4. Listening comprehension Listen to the conversations. Circle the correct verb form.

- He's doing / not doing his homework. He's watching / not watching TV.
- She's calling / not calling her friend. She's playing / not playing video games.
- He's visiting / not visiting his grandma. She's swimming / not swimming at the beach.
- He's wearing / not wearing his new T-shirt. His mom's writing / not writing an e-mail.