

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

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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.

1. Mollie is ...
2. Jake is ...
3. Sara is ...

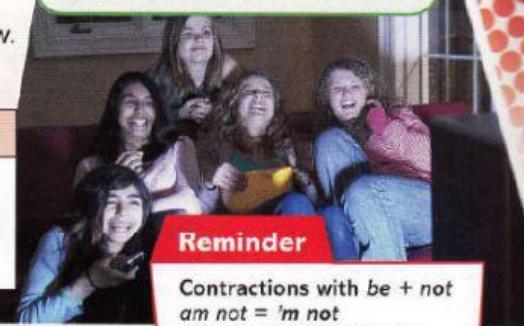
- a. buying new gym shoes now.
b. shopping with her cousin, Sara.
c. calling his teammate on the phone.
d. speaking to her teammate on the phone.
e. not talking on the phone.
f. wearing the new uniform.

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.



Reminder

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



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.*

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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.

- Gail 's wearing the new soccer uniform. It's very nice!
- My brothers _____ playing video games now. They're doing their homework.
- I _____ calling my grandma right now. It's her birthday!
- We _____ staying home today. It's too cold and windy outside.
- My mom and dad _____ watching TV in the living room. They're in the kitchen.
- 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.

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

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.