6 Present Continuous (2)

1 Look at these questions:

*Are you **enjoying** that drink, Ann?*
*Is he **watching** TV at the moment?*
*Are they **working** hard?*

2 We form Present Continuous questions like this:

QUESTIONS		
Singular	Am I	winning?
	Are you	winning?
	Is she/he/it	winning?
Plural	Are we	winning?
	Are you	winning?
	Are they	winning?

3 Here are three common Present Continuous questions. They all mean 'How are you?':

*How's it **going**?*
*How **are you getting on**?*
*How **are you doing**?*



4 We do not usually use the Present Continuous to talk about opinions or thoughts:

*I **like** tennis. I **know** your sister.* (NOT ~~*I'm liking tennis. I'm knowing your sister.*~~)

We do not usually use these verbs in the Present Continuous:

like	know	hate
love	understand	believe
mean	remember	want

5 **think** and **have**:

- we cannot use **think** in the Present Continuous to express opinions: *I **think** he's nice.* (NOT ~~*I'm thinking he's nice.*~~)
- we can use **think** in the Present Continuous to talk about an action: *She's **thinking** about the film.*
- we cannot use **have** in the Present Continuous to talk about possessions: *I **have** a ticket.* (NOT ~~*I am having a ticket.*~~)
- we can use it to talk about actions: *I'm **having** breakfast. He's **having** fun.*

Practice

A Make questions by putting the words in brackets ( ) in the right order.

►	(enjoying – your work – you – are – ?)	Are you enjoying your work?
1	(she – having lunch – is – ?)	.....
2	(playing football – are – they – ?)	.....
3	(the cat – sleeping – is – ?)	.....
4	(the sun – is – shining – ?)	.....
5	(you – are – coming – to the cinema – ?)	.....
6	(listening – are – they – ?)	.....
7	(eating – at the moment – she – is – ?)	.....
8	(it – raining hard – is – ?)	.....
9	(I – getting better – at tennis – am – ?)	.....
10	(are – winning the match – we – ?)	.....

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B Make questions and answers. Use the Present Continuous.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
▶ (she/work/in Peru this year?)	~ (No, she/study/in Mexico)
Is she working in Peru this year?	~ No, she's studying in Mexico.
1 (you/study/English at the moment?)	~ (Yes, I/work/hard)
.....	~ .....
2 (they/listen/to the radio?)	~ (No, they/play/CDs)
.....	~ .....
3 (Peter/wash/now?)	~ (Yes, he/have/a bath)
.....	~ .....
4 (they/live/in Madrid at the moment?)	~ (Yes, they/learn/Spanish)
.....	~ .....
5 (David/sing/in a group this year?)	~ (No, he/work/in a restaurant)
.....	~ .....

C Put a tick (✓) next to a correct sentence, and a cross (✗) next to a wrong sentence.

▶ She's liking pop music. ✗
▶ He's learning French. ✓

1 They're enjoying the film.
2 We're loving ice-cream.
3 She's believing he's right.
4 John's thinking about my idea.
5 He's having lunch at the moment.
6 She's eating a banana.
7 He thinks it's a good idea.
8 'Huge' is meaning 'very big'.
9 Mick is knowing Jane.
10 She's hating classical music.

D Complete this conversation. Use the verbs in brackets ( ) in the Present Continuous.

Paul: Hi Steve! What are you doing?
Steve: (▶) I'm going ..... (I/go) to the bank. What are you doing?
Paul: (1) ..... (I/shop). (2) ..... (I/look) for a new tennis racquet. (3) ..... (I/play) a lot of tennis at the moment, and I need a new racquet.
Steve: Where is Jackie? Do you know?
Paul: Yes. She isn't in England at the moment. (4) ..... (She/work) in France for a month.
Steve: What (5) ..... (she/do) in France?
Paul: (6) ..... (She/sing) in a night-club.
Steve: Really? What about Fred and Sue? What (7) ..... (they/do)?
Paul: (8) ..... (They/study) for an exam. They're always in the library at the moment.
Steve: How is your sister? Is she all right?
Paul: Yes, she's fine, but she's tired. (9) ..... (We/paint) the living-room. It's hard work.
Steve: Can I help you?
Paul: No, it's OK. My father (10) ..... (help).
Steve: Well, I hope you find a good racquet.

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