



Away for the weekend

San Francisco, Saturday, 3 p.m: Anita is working today. Right now, she is listening to her messages.



A. Complete the sentences about Anita and her friends.

1. Yoko is _____ at Lake Tahoe.
2. Marcos and Bill are at the beach, but they're _____ swimming.
3. Katie is _____ tennis with Rob, and Nathan _____ watching.
4. Anita is in San Francisco. _____ raining there.

Present Continuous

I'm	calling	from home.	The contractions <i>isn't</i> and <i>aren't</i> often follow nouns: Marcos isn't working. Marcos and Bill aren't swimming. Spelling work → working swim → swimming have → having
You're	working	today.	
She's	skiing	with a friend.	
He's	(not) having	fun.	
It's	raining	right now.	
We're	swimming	in the ocean.	
They're	playing	tennis.	

In conversation . . .
In the present continuous, people usually use **'s not** and **'re not** after pronouns. People don't usually say **we aren't, they aren't, he isn't**, etc.

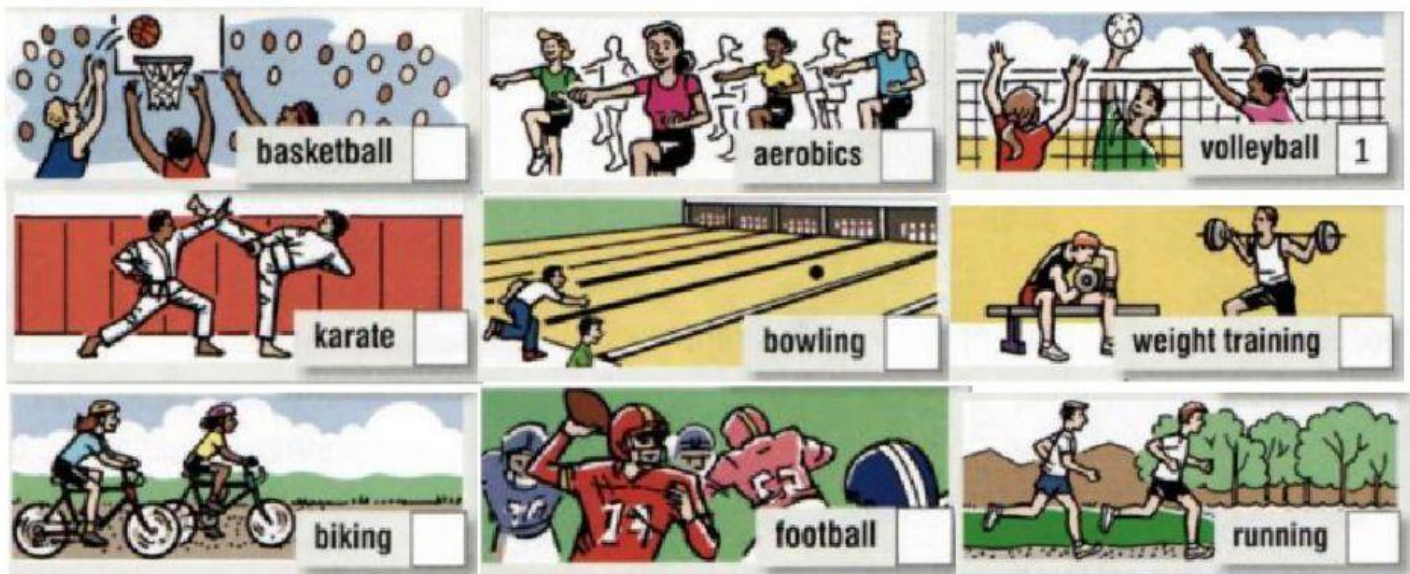
B. Complete Anita's other messages.

Saturday, 12:15 p.m. Hi Anita, it's Joe. I hope you are not working (not/work) today. I _____ (not/do) anything, so let's get together. Give me a call. By the way, I _____ (call) on my cellphone. See you.

Saturday 1:00 p.m. Hi Anita, this is Julia. I'm at the beach with Kim. We _____ (talk) about work and things, and we _____ (have) a good time. There's no wind today, so people _____ (not/windsurf). Come and join us. Bye.

Saturday, 2:50 p.m. Hey Anita, it's me. Chris and I are the baseball game. It _____ (rain) right now, so they _____ (stop) the game. So, we _____ (come) over to your place. See you in 15 minutes.

C. Listen the sounds of these sports and number the pictures.



D. Complete the table with the correct sports for each verb.

PLAY	GO	DO

E. Listen to the conversation and fill in the blanks.

Dad: Hi, Carl, it's me. How's it going?

Carl: Oh hi, dad. Everything's great.

Dad: So, _____ for your exams?

Carl: oh yeah, _____ very hard this semester.

Dad: Good. So, _____ right now?
_____?

Carl: uh dad, right now _____ a baseball game.

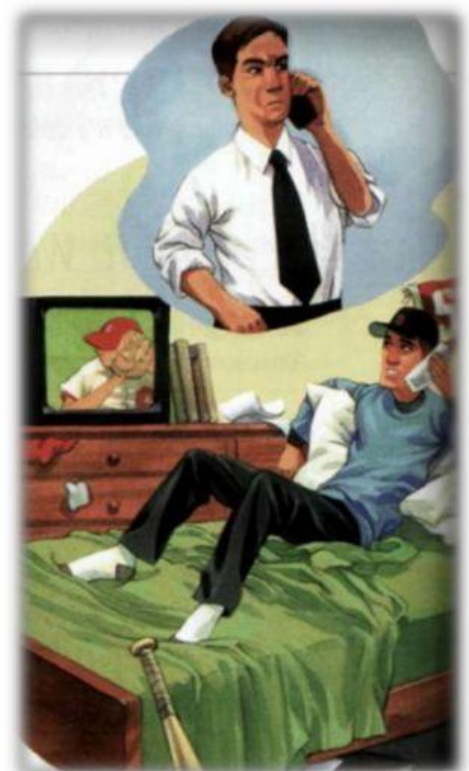
Dad: Baseball? Uh...who's playing?

Carl: The Yankees and the Red Sox

Dad: Really? Uh...Carl, let's talk again in two hours.

Carl: Ok, dad, enjoy the game!

Dad: You too. But please, try and study for your exams!



Present Continuous Questions

What **are** you **doing** these days?

Are you **studying** a lot?

Yes, I **am**.

No, I'm **not**.

What **is** Carl **watching** on TV?

Is he **watching** the game?

Yes, he **is**.

No, he's **not**.

Who's **playing**?

Are the Yankees **playing**?

Yes, they **are**.

No, they're **not**.

F. Complete the questions with present continuous.

1. Are you getting (get) enough exercise these days?
2. What _____ you _____ (do) for exercise?
3. _____ you _____ (learn) a new sport?
4. How much _____ you _____ (walk)?
5. _____ you _____ (take) exercise classes this year?
6. _____ your best friend _____ (exercise) enough these days?
7. What kind of exercise _____ your friend _____ (do)?
8. _____ your friends _____ (playing) on sports teams this season?

Time expressions

right now
today
this morning
this week
this month
this year
this semester
this season
these days