

Present continuous

Use of the present continuous



We're having an English lesson. I'm reading about the present continuous.

Past ← ————— Now ————— → Future

We use the present continuous to talk about things in progress now or around now. (See page 42 for spelling of the -ing form.)

Affirmative		Negative	
Long form	Short form	Long form	Short form
I am going	I'm going	I am not going	I'm not going
You are going	You're going	You are not going	You aren't going
He is going	He's going	He is not going	He isn't going
She is going	She's going	She is not going	She isn't going
It is going	It's going	It is not going	It isn't going
We are going	We're going	We are not going	We aren't going
You are going	You're going	You are not going	You aren't going
They are going	They're going	They are not going	They aren't going

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.



► I'm drinking _____.
(drink)



2 They _____.
(not sleep)



4 You _____.
(not study)



1 We _____ fun.
(have)



3 He _____.
(not dance)



5 It _____.
(rain)

2 Use the verbs in brackets to say what the person is doing. Correct the sentences.

► He's drawing. (write)

He isn't drawing. He's writing.

1 She's eating. (drink)

2 They're having breakfast. (play)

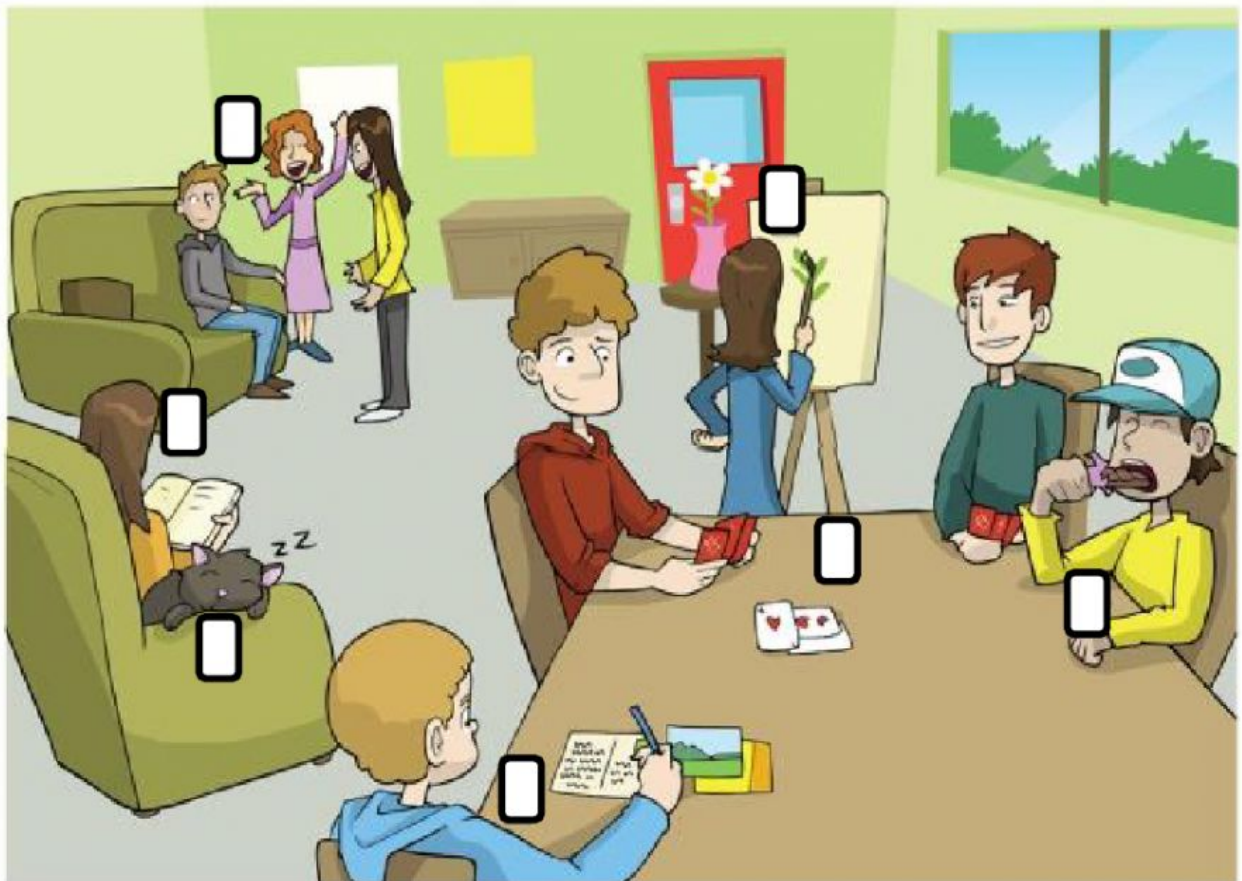
3 He's talking on the phone. (listen to music)


4 They're jumping. (swim)

5 He's sitting. (stand)

6 She's walking. (run)

3 **12.1** Look at the picture and listen.
Number the people in order.



- 4  **12.2** Look at the picture in exercise 3 again. Listen and correct the false sentences. Use the words in the box.

chocolate some flowers a boy
a postcard a book cards a chair

*He isn't eating a sandwich.
He's eating chocolate.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Questions and short answers

Questions	Short answers
Am I going?	Yes, I am . / No, I'm not.
Are you going?	Yes, you are . / No, you aren't .
Is he going?	Yes, he is . / No, he isn't .
Is she going?	Yes, she is . / No, he isn't .
Is it going?	Yes, it is . / No, it isn't .
Are we going?	Yes, we are . / No, we aren't .
Are you going?	Yes, you are . / No, you aren't .
Are they going?	Yes, they are . / No, they aren't .

6 Complete the dialogue with the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Instant Messaging
▼ My messages

Sandy Hi. Are you doing (you / do) your homework?

Rick No, I'm not. I'm playing a game.

Sandy ¹_____ (you / listen) to music too?

Rick Yes, I ²_____. I've got a new album.

Sandy ³_____ (your parents / work) today?

Rick No, they ⁴_____. They don't work on Saturdays.

Sandy ⁵_____ (your brother / play) football this morning?

Rick No, he ⁶_____. There's no football today.

Sandy Oh. ⁷_____ (it / rain)?

Rick Yes, it ⁸_____. We're staying at home today.

7 Ask and answer questions about Rick from exercise 6

► Rick / do / his homework?

Is Rick doing his homework?

No, he isn't.

- 1 he / play / a game?
- 2 he / listen / to the radio?
- 3 his parents / work / today?
- 4 his brother / play / football today?
- 5 the sun / shine / today?
- 6 he and his brother / stay / at home today?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

8 Use the prompts to make questions. Then write your answers.

► you / wear / jeans today?

Are you wearing jeans today?

Yes, I am / No, I'm not.

1 you / sit / next to a window?

2 you / listen / to music?

3 you / use / a pen?

4 your best friend / sit / next to you?

5 your teacher / smile?

6 your friends / study?
