

8**LANGUAGE BANK****GRAMMAR****8.1 Present continuous**

+	I	'm	having	a great time.
	He/She/It	's	sitting	on the balcony.
	You/We/They	're	waiting	for a train.
-	I	'm not	enjoying	this food.
	He/She/It	isn't	working	at the moment.
	You/We/They	aren't	doing	anything.

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

Use the present continuous to speak about something happening now/at this moment.

In speaking or in emails and letters to friends, usually use the contracted form: *I am reading.* = *I'm reading.*

In the negative, it is also possible to use

He's not working. *They're not doing anything.*

Don't use contractions in positive short answers: *Yes, we are.* NOT *Yes, we're.*

Spelling the -ing form

Most verbs + -ing	wait do	waiting doing
Verbs ending in -e, e + -ing	write take	writing taking
Most verbs ending in a consonant-vowel-consonant, double the final consonant -ing	swim run	swimming running