

»»» Talk about things happening now

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1 Read Bella's text message. What's Veronique wearing?

Hello from Cardiff, the capital of Wales. I'm sending you a photo of my classmates. We aren't studying today. We're having a day off. At the moment we're walking and shopping in the city centre. (I'm not shopping because I haven't got any money!) That's Claude with Eric. He's wearing the sweatshirt with the blue stripes. He usually wears sunglasses but he isn't wearing sunglasses now. Veronique's standing next to him. She's wearing white trousers.



STUDY

2 Complete the table with examples from Exercise 1.

Present continuous	
✓ Positive	I'm <i>sending</i> you a photo. He _____ the sweatshirt. We're <i>walking and</i> _____.
X Negative	I'm <i>not shopping</i> . He <i>isn't wearing sunglasses now</i> . We _____ today.
Spelling	send > <i>sending</i> have > _____ shop > <i>shopping</i>
Time expressions	<i>now</i> _____ today

See GRAMMAR DATABASE, page 126.

PRACTISE

3 Write the -ing form of the verbs.

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| 1 take | <i>taking</i> | 4 play | _____ |
| 2 read | _____ | 5 sit | _____ |
| 3 ride | _____ | 6 sleep | _____ |

4 Write sentences in the present continuous.

- I / wear / a pink shirt.
I'm wearing a pink shirt.
- We / watch / a video.

- Our teacher / write / on the board.

- Students / sing / in the next room.

- My best friend / swim.

- My mum and dad / drive / to work.

5 Make the sentences in Exercise 4 true for you. Use the present continuous positive and negative.

- At the moment ...
- I'm not wearing a pink shirt. I'm wearing a white shirt.*

6 Complete the message with the present continuous.

Hello again from Wales! We (1) *'re having* _____ (have) a fantastic time. I (2) _____ (write) this postcard on the bus. We (3) _____ (drive) to Caerphilly Castle. The other students (4) _____ (sing). Veronique (5) _____ (sit) beside me. She (6) _____ (listen) to music.

SPEAK

7 Work in pairs. Student A: look at page 141. Student B: look at page 142.

- Describe your picture to your partner.
- Find six differences. Don't look at your partner's picture.

In my picture there's a girl. She's wearing a red skirt.

In my picture she's wearing a blue skirt.