

40 Present continuous (2)



1 Form

Yes/No QUESTIONS				SHORT ANSWERS	
Am	I			Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Is	he/she/it	sitting here?		Yes, he/she/it is.	No, he/she/it isn't
Are	we/you/they			Yes, we/you/they are.	No, we/you/they aren't.

Wh- QUESTIONS

What	am	I	doing?
Where	is	he/she/it	going?
Why	are	we/you/they	running?

In questions, we put *am/is/are* before the subject of the sentence.

We put the *-ing* form after the subject:

What are you studying this term?

Is she listening to the radio?



~~✗ Are waiting you for me?~~

~~✗ Waiting are you for me?~~

✓ *Are you waiting for me?*



We don't usually repeat the main verb when we answer questions:

Is that man phoning the police? ~~✗ Yes, he is phoning.~~ ✓ *Yes, he is.*
~~✗ No, he isn't phoning.~~ ✓ *No, he isn't.*



We don't use the short form of the verb in short answers with *yes*.

Is she sleeping? ~~✗ Yes, she's.~~ ✓ *Yes, she is.*

2 Use

We often use the present continuous to talk about what is happening in pictures and photos:

What are they doing?
– *They're watching a film.*

That's an interesting painting. Is that woman writing something?

No, she isn't. She's reading a letter.

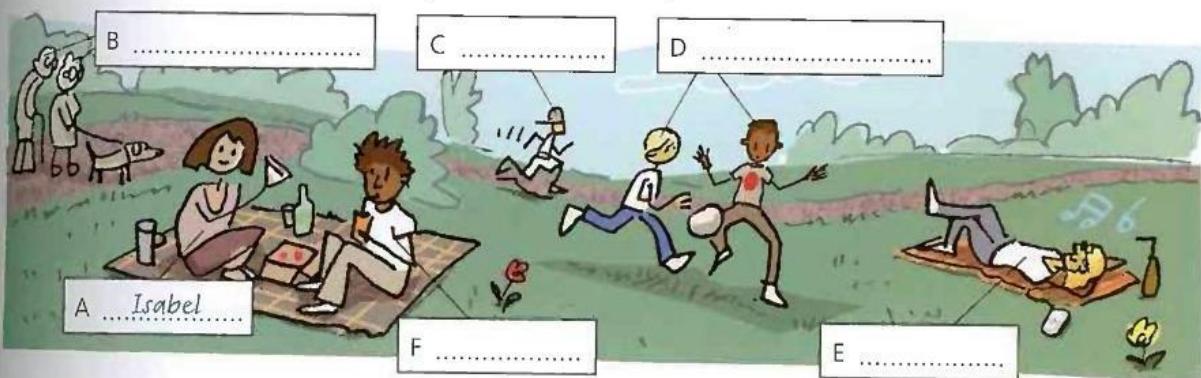


Practice

1 a **GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the text. Use the present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets () .

It's a lovely summer afternoon in the park. Robert and Mick (0) *are playing* (play) football. Miranda (1) *listen* (listen) to some music and Carlos (2) *run* (run). My friends Isabel and Rashid (3) *have* (have) a picnic – Isabel (4) *eat* (eat) a sandwich and Rashid (5) *drink* (drink) a cola. Over there I can see my neighbours, Mr and Mrs Berenson – they (6) *take* (take) their dog for a walk.

b Now put the correct names by the letters in the picture.



2 Complete these questions and answers about the picture in Exercise 1.

- 0 *Is* Miranda *listening* to music? Yes, she *is*
- 1 Robert and Mick *play* tennis? No, they
- 2 Carlos ? No, he *walk* walking, he's
- 3 What Isabel ? She *eat* a sandwich.
- 4 What Mr and Mrs Berenson ? They *walk* their dog for a walk.
- 5 Rashid *eat* a burger? No, he

3 Write the questions and short answers.

- 0 it / rain / today? / No, *Is it raining today? No, it isn't.*
- 1 you / do / your homework? / Yes, *Yes, I do.*
- 2 Steven / cook lunch? / No, *No, he doesn't.*
- 3 the / children watch TV? / Yes, *Yes, they do.*
- 4 we / wait / for somebody? / No, *No, we don't.*
- 5 Elizabeth / stay / with her grandparents / this week? / Yes, *Yes, she does.*

4 Write true answers.

- 0 What are you doing at the moment? *I'm doing my homework.*
- 1 What are you studying this year? *I'm studying English.*
- 2 Where are you sitting right now? *I'm sitting at my desk.*
- 3 What are you looking at? *I'm looking at the book.*