



Before you read, try to predict what the text is about with the help of the pictures.

1 Vocabulary

A. Listen and repeat.



B. Match the pictures with the seasons.
Then listen and check your answers.

winter	<input type="radio"/>	spring	<input type="radio"/>
summer	<input type="radio"/>	autumn	<input type="radio"/>



2 Speak

Talk in pairs.

- What's the weather like today?
- It's sunny.
- What's the weather like in spring/winter, etc.?
- It's....

NOTE: in + seasons

The weather is beautiful in spring.

3 Read

A. Look at the pictures. What do you think happens at this carnival?
Listen, read and check your answers.

Welcome to the Quebec Winter Carnival!
Every year, for 17 days in February, Bonhomme, the friendly snowman, welcomes over a million people to the party of the year. The Quebec Winter Carnival is a great way to celebrate the magic of winter. Let's see what's happening at the Plains of Abraham.



It's cold and windy here but it isn't snowing. At the moment, some people are having a race in horse-drawn sleighs.



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Grammar

Present Progressive (affirmative - negative)

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
I'm playing	I'm not playing
You're playing	You aren't playing
He's playing	He isn't playing
It	It
We	We
You're playing	You aren't playing
They	They

We use the Present Progressive for actions that are happening at the moment of speaking.

My brother **isn't watching** TV now.
He's **talking** on the phone.

NOTE take - taking
get - getting **BUT** happen - happening

Look over there! People are having a snow bath! They aren't wearing winter clothes, they're wearing swimsuits! Bonhomme is also playing in the snow with them.



Look at those snow slides! Children are going down the hill very fast! They are screaming and laughing, and they're having a great time!



B. Read again and complete the sentences.

1. People celebrate the Quebec Winter Carnival in _____.
2. Bonhomme is a _____.
3. At the Plains of Abraham it isn't snowing but it's _____.
4. Some people are wearing _____. They're having _____.
5. Some children are having fun on the _____.

Complete with the Present Progressive of the verbs in brackets.

1. It _____ (snow) today. Look at the garden. It's white!
2. Harriet _____ (not listen) to music in her room. She _____ (play) computer games.
3. Look at the children! They _____ (have) a great time in the snow.
4. Sorry, I can't help you at the moment. I _____ (tidy) my room.
5. It's very cold today, so we _____ (wear) our jackets.

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Pronunciation

A. Listen and repeat. What's the difference between a and b?

a. **rain** b. **raining**

B. Listen and tick (✓) the sound you hear.

	rain /rɪn/	raining /rɪnɪŋ/
showing		
fun		
spring		
woman		
kitchen		
young		

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Write

Write a few sentences about what the weather is like today and what you're doing now.

It's raining today and I'm....