

Practice 1 – PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Practice 1: What's happening in the pictures? Use the verbs in the box and the present continuous to complete the sentences.

cross hide scratch take tie wave



1 She's taking a picture.

2 He is tying a shoelace.

3 They are crossing the road.

4 He is scratching his head.

5 She is hiding behind a tree.

6 They are waving to somebody.

Practice 2: The sentences on the right follow those on the left. Match the letters to the numbers.

- 1 Please don't make so much noise.
- 2 We need to leave soon.
- 3 I don't have anywhere to live right now.
- 4 I need to eat something soon.
- 5 They don't need their car any more.
- 6 Things are not so good at work.
- 7 It isn't true what they say.
- 8 We're going to get wet.

- a I'm getting hungry.
- b They're lying.
- c It's starting to rain.
- d They're trying to sell it.
- e It's getting late.
- f I'm trying to work.
- g I'm staying with friends.
- h The company is losing money.

Practice 3: Use the present continuous to write the questions (?).

- 1 What's all that noise? What's happening? (what / happen?)
- 2 What's the matter? What's wrong? (why / you / cry?)
- 3 Where's your mother? Where is your mother? (she / work / today?)
- 4 I haven't seen you for ages. What are you doing these days? (what / you / do / these days?)
- 5 Amy is a student. What is Amy doing? (what / she / study?)
- 6 Who are those people? Who are those people doing? (what / they / do?)
- 7 I heard you started a new job. What are you enjoying? (you / enjoy / it?)
- 8 We're not in a hurry. What are you doing? (why / you / walk / so fast?)

Practice 4: Put the verb in the correct positive (+) or negative (-) forms of the present continuous.

- 1 Please don't make so much noise. I'm trying (I / try) to work.
- 2 Let's go out now. It isn't raining (it / rain) any more.
- 3 You can turn off the radio. I'm not listening (I / listen) to it.
- 4 Kate phoned last night. She's on holiday with friends. She's having (She / have) a great time and doesn't want to come back.



5 Andrew started evening classes recently. (He / learn) Japanese.

6 Paul and Sarah have had an argument and now (they / speak) to one another.

7 The situation is already very bad and now (it / get) worse.

8 Tim (work) today. He's taken the day off.

9 (I / look) for Sophie. Do you know where she is?

10 The washing machine has been repaired. (It / work) now.

11 (They / build) a new hospital. It will be finished next year.

12 Ben is a student, but he's not very happy. (He / enjoy) his course.

13 (The weather / change). Look at those clouds.
I think it's going to rain.

14 Dan has been in the same job for a long time. (He / start) to get bored with it.

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