Grammar

Present continuous for activities in progress

1 ★ **Complete the sentences with *am*, *is* or *are*.**

We *are* camping in the forest.

1 We _____ having a great time.
2 I _____ learning how to build a shelter.
3 Our teacher _____ swimming in the river.
4 Lucy _____ sleeping under a tree.
5 James and Ben _____ making dinner.

2 ★★ **Rewrite the sentences in exercise 1 with the negative form of the present continuous.**

We aren't camping in the forest.

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____

3 ★★ **Complete the text with the present continuous affirmative or negative form of the verbs in brackets.**



I'm in Norway with my family. We (1) *are staying* (stay) in a beautiful hotel in the north of the country. I'm happy because I (2) _____ (not share) a room with my brother. My mum and I (3) _____ (try) some winter sports for the first time. Dad and my brother (4) _____ (learn) survival skills. At the moment, they (5) _____ (build) a shelter and my mum and I (6) _____ (fish) in a boat on the lake. It (7) _____ (not snow) at the moment, but it's very cold!

4 ★ **Complete the questions with *Is* or *Are*.**

1 *Are* you building a fire?
2 _____ she swimming in the river?
3 _____ your dad working today?
4 _____ camping fun?
5 _____ they learning English?

5 ★★ **Match the questions in exercise 4 with the short answers.**

a) Yes, it is. ☐
b) No, she isn't. ☐
c) No, they aren't. ☐
d) Yes, he is. ☐
e) Yes, I am. [1]

6 ★★ **Complete the telephone conversation with the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Complete the short answers.**



Emily Hi, Mum. It's me – Emily.
Mum Emily! How are you? (1) *Are* you *sleeping* (sleep) in a bed?
Emily No, I (2) _____. I (3) _____ (camp) in a tent.
Mum (4) _____ you _____ (eat) well?
Emily Yes, we (5) _____. Uncle James (6) _____ (make) dinner at the moment.
Mum (7) _____ he _____ (cook) fish from the lake?
Emily No, he (8) _____. All our food is from the supermarket!

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