

# Grammar

## Present continuous for activities in progress

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

We are camping in the forest.

1 We are having a great time.

2 I am learning how to build a shelter.

3 Our teacher is swimming in the river.

4 Lucy is sleeping under a tree.

5 James and Ben are making dinner.

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

We aren't camping in the forest.

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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) am not sharing (not share) a room with my brother. My mum and I



(3) are trying (try) some winter sports for the first time. Dad and my brother

(4) are learning (learn) survival skills. At the moment, they

(5) are building (build) a shelter and my mum and I

(6) are fishing (fish) in a boat on the lake. It

(7) isn't snowing (not snow) at the moment, but it's very cold!

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

1 Is Are you building a fire?

2 Is Are she swimming in the river?

3 Is Are your dad working today?

4 Is Are camping fun?

5 Is Are 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.

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) am not sleeping.

(3) am camping (camp) in a tent.

Mum (4) Are you eating (eat) well?

Emily Yes, we (5) are eating. Uncle James (6) is cooking (make) dinner at the moment.

Mum (7) Is he cooking (cook) fish from the lake?

Emily No, he (8) isn't cooking. All our food is from the supermarket!