Life

Elementary Unit 8b

Present continuous

Presentation

Use the present continuous *(to be + -ing)* to talk about actions right now.

Affirmative and negative

I	'm 'm not	having a shower.
He She	's isn't	
You We They	're aren't	

Key spelling rules

- Most verbs: *read → reading, sleep → sleeping …*
- Verbs ending consonant + *-e*: *have → having, come → coming …*

See page 233: Spelling rules

Yes/No questions

Are	you they	having a shower?
Is	he she	

Wh- questions

What Where	are	you they	eating?
	is	he she	

Short answers

Yes,	I	am.
	he / she / it	is.
	you / we / they	are.

No,	I	'm not.
	he / she / it	isn't.
	you / we / they	aren't.

Key vocabulary **Verbs:** come, cook, have (a shower), play (chess), read, sleep, watch (television/a film)

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1 Look at the pictures and write sentences. Use the present continuous.

1
Sam

2
Catherine and Ali

3
Antonio and Julia

4
Lucia

5
Julia

6
Mike and Tom

1 Sam (cook). He (have) a shower.
Sam isn't cooking. He's having a shower.

2 Catherine and Ali (watch) television. They (read).

3 Antonio and Julia (cook). They (play) chess.

4 Lucia (read) a book. She (play) chess.

5 Julia (watch) television. She (sleep).

6 Mike and Tom (read). They (cook).

2 Answer the questions about the people in exercise 1.

1 Is Julia cooking? No, she isn't.
2 Are Mike and Tom playing chess?
3 Is Lucia reading?
4 Are Catherine and Ali watching television?
5 Are Antonio and Julia cooking?
6 Is Sam having a shower?

3 Put the conversation in order. Then listen and check.

Lewis

- [ ] Me? I'm watching television.
- [ ] Hi, Marie. I'm fine.
- [ ] Yes, it's excellent. Come and watch it.
- [1] Hello?
- [ ] I'm watching a film.

Marie

- [ ] What are you watching?
- [2] Hello, Lewis. It's Marie. How are you?
- [ ] What are you doing?
- [ ] OK. See you in five minutes.
- [ ] Is it any good?

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