12 At the wedding

The present continuous

Grandma's next to Grandpa. They're **sleeping**. Dad's next to the table. He's **eating**.

We use the present continuous to talk about things that are happening now. We make the present continuous with a form of be and the base form of the verb with ing added.

Short form		Long form	
I'm		I am	
you're		you are	
he's / she's / it's	eating	he is /she is / it is	eating
we're		we are	
you're		you are	
they're		they are	

1 Circle A or B.

1 She's taking photos. A (B)

2 I'm wearing a tie. A B

3 She's eating. A B

4 They're eating. A B

5 She's drinking. A B

6 I'm wearing a hat. A B

7 She's drinking. A B

8 They're talking. A B

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2 Complete Jamie's email. Write the correct short form of be.

Dear Martin
We're getting ready for the wedding. I _____ listening to music. Alison is in her bedroom. She _____ brushing her hair. Grandpa and Grandma are in the living room. They _____ talking. Mum is in the kitchen. She _____ making a cake. Dad is outside. He _____ washing the car.
Jamie

3 Write the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1 He 's eating _____. (eat)
2 She _____. (drink)
3 She _____. (sing)
4 He _____ photos. (take)
5 They _____. (talk)
6 We _____ to the band. (listen)

4 Write the words in the correct order.

1 making We're a cake
_____.

2 washing the car They're
_____.

3 music playing They're
_____.

4 writing invitations We're
_____.

5 listening to the band He's
_____.

6 cake eating She's
_____.

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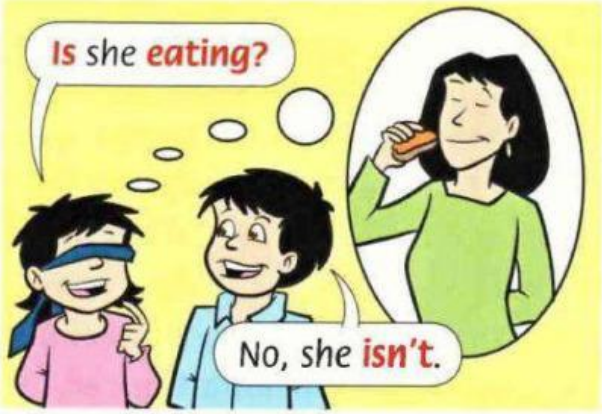
Present continuous questions



In present continuous questions the word order changes as usual.

Question		Short answers	
Am I		Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Are you		Yes, you are.	No, you aren't.
Is he		Yes, he is.	No, he isn't.
Is she	eating?	Yes, she is.	No, she isn't.
Is it		Yes, it is.	No, it isn't.
Are we		Yes, we are.	No, we aren't.
Are you		Yes, you are.	No, you aren't.
Are they		Yes, they are.	No, they aren't.

aren't = are not
isn't = is not

5 Match.

1 Are Grandma and Grandpa sleeping?
2 Is Dad listening to the band?
3 Are Alison and Jamie playing?
4 Is Alison eating?

No, she isn't.
No, they aren't.
Yes, they are.
Yes, he is.

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6 Write questions and answers. Use the verbs in brackets.

1

Is he making (make) a cake?
Yes, he is.

2

_____ he _____ (listen) to music?
_____, _____.

3

_____ they _____ (sleep)?
_____, _____.

4

_____ they _____ (talk)?
_____, _____.

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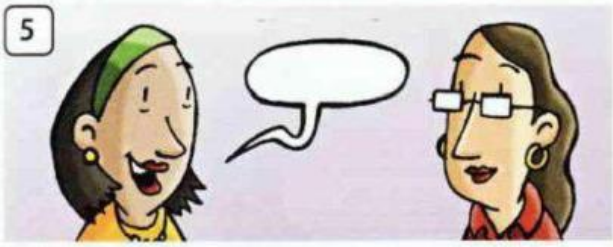

_____ she _____ (drink)?
_____, _____.

6

_____ they _____ (play) music?
_____, _____.

7 Write questions and answers. Use the verbs in the box.

play sleep make write do

1

What are they doing?
They're playing.

2

What _____?
_____ a cake.

3

Is _____?
Yes, _____.

4

Is _____ an email?
Yes, _____.

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