

I am doing (present continuous)

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She's **eating**.
She **isn't** reading.



It's **raining**.
The sun **isn't** shining.



They're **running**.
They **aren't** walking.

The present continuous is:
am/is/are + doing/eating/running/writing etc.

I	am	(not)	-ing	I'm working .	
he	}	is	(not)	-ing	Chris is writing a letter.
she					She isn't eating. (or She's not eating.)
it					The phone is ringing.
we	}	are	(not)	-ing	We're having dinner.
you					You're not listening to me. (or You aren't ...)
they					The children are doing their homework.

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am/is/are + -ing = something is happening *now*:

I'm **working**
she's **wearing** a hat
they're **playing** football
I'm **not watching** television

past ————— NOW ————— future

- Please be quiet. I'm **working**. (= I'm working now)
- Look at Sue! She's **wearing** her new hat. (= she is wearing it now)
- The weather is nice at the moment. It's **not raining**.
- 'Where are the children?' 'They're **playing** in the park.'
- (on the phone) We're **having** dinner now. Can you phone again later?
- You can turn off the television. I'm **not watching** it.

Spelling (⇒ Appendix 5):

come → **coming** write → **writing** dance → **dancing**
run → **running** sit → **sitting** swim → **swimming**
lie → **lying**

am/is/are ⇒ **UNIT 1** are you doing? (questions) ⇒ **UNIT 4** I am doing and I do ⇒ **UNIT 8**

What are you doing tomorrow? ⇒ **UNIT 26**

EXERCISES

3.1 What are these people doing? Use these verbs to complete the sentences:

eat have lie play sit wait



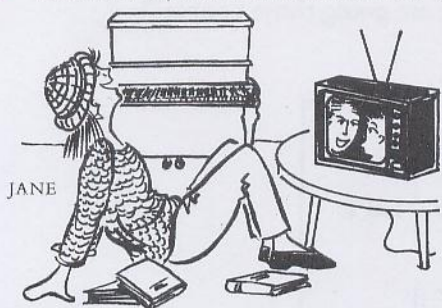
- 1 She's eating an apple.
- 2 He for a bus.
- 3 They football.
- 4 on the floor.
- 5 breakfast.
- 6 on the table.

3.2 Complete the sentences. Use one of these verbs:

build cook go have stand stay swim work

- 1 Please be quiet. I 'm working...
- 2 'Where's John?' 'He's in the kitchen. He'
- 3 'You on my foot.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
- 4 Look! Somebody in the river.
- 5 We're here on holiday. We at the Central Hotel.
- 6 'Where's Ann?' 'She a shower.'
- 7 They a new theatre in the city centre at the moment.
- 8 I now. Goodbye.

3.3 Look at the picture. Write sentences about Jane. Use She's -ing or She isn't -ing.



- 1 (have dinner) Jane isn't having dinner.
- 2 (watch television) She's watching television.
- 3 (sit on the floor) She
- 4 (read a book)
- 5 (play the piano)
- 6 (laugh)
- 7 (wear a hat)
- 8 (write a letter)

3.4 What's happening at the moment? Write true sentences.

- 1 (I / wash / my hair) I'm not washing my hair.
- 2 (it / snow) It's snowing. OR It isn't snowing.
- 3 (I / sit / on a chair)
- 4 (I / eat)
- 5 (it / rain)
- 6 (I / learn / English)
- 7 (I / listen / to music)
- 8 (the sun / shine)
- 9 (I / wear / shoes)
- 10 (I / read / a newspaper)

are you doing? (present continuous questions)

A

positive

I	am	doing working going staying
he she it	is	
we you they	are	
		<i>etc.</i>

question

am	I	doing? working? going? staying?
is	he she it	
are	we you they	
		<i>etc.</i>



- 'Are you feeling OK?' 'Yes, I'm fine, thank you.'
- 'Is it raining?' 'Yes, take an umbrella.'
- Why **are** you wearing a coat? It's not cold.
- 'What's Paul **doing**?' 'He's reading the newspaper.'
- 'What **are** the children **doing**?' 'They're watching television.'
- Look, there's Sally! Where's she **going**?'
- Who **are** you waiting for? **Are** you waiting for Sue?

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Study the word order:

is/are + *subject* + **-ing**

	Is	he	working today?
	Is	Paul	working today? (<i>not</i> 'Is working Paul today?')
Where	are	they	going ?
Where	are	those people	going ? (<i>not</i> 'Where are going those people?')

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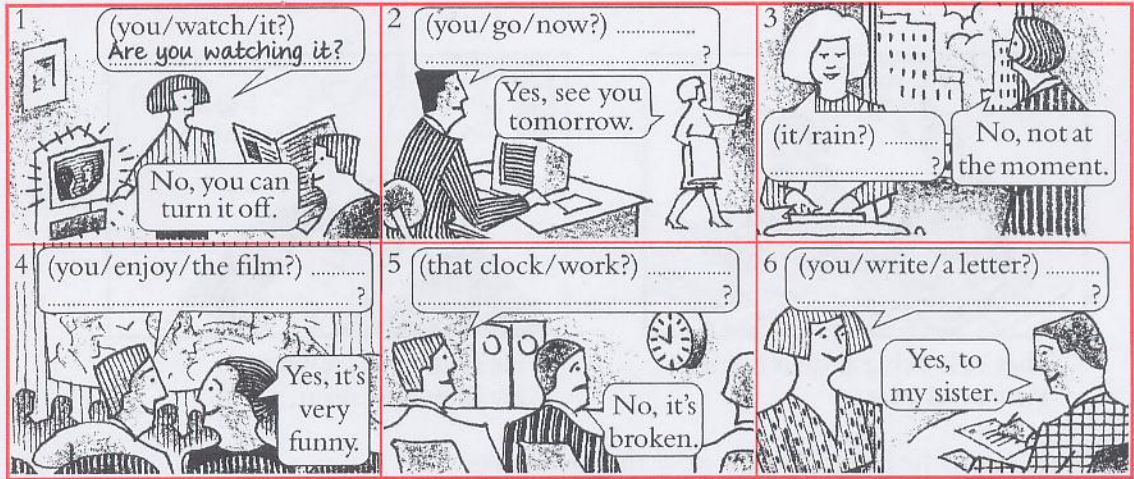
short answers

Yes, I am .	No, I'm not .
Yes, { he she } is .	No, { he's she's } not . or No, { he she } isn't .
Yes, { we you } are .	No, { we're you're } not . or No, { we you } aren't .
	No, { it's they're } not .

- 'Are you going now?' 'Yes, **I am**.'
- 'Is Paul working today?' 'Yes, **he is**.'
- 'Is it raining?' 'No, **it isn't**.'
- 'Are your friends staying at a hotel?' 'No, **they aren't**. They're staying with me.'

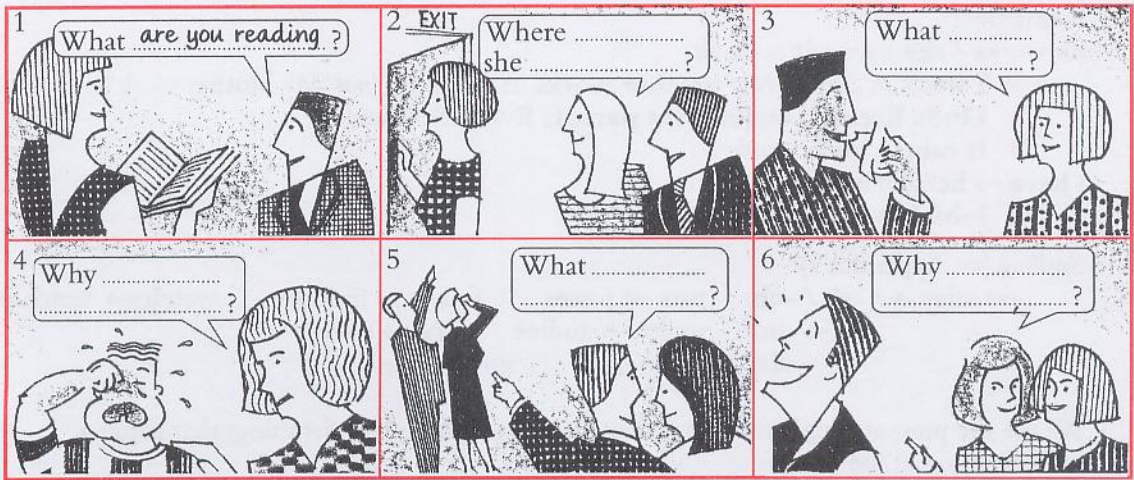
EXERCISES

4.1 Look at the pictures and write the questions.



4.2 Look at the pictures and complete the questions. Use one of these:

cry eat go laugh look at read



4.3 Write questions from these words. Use **is** or **are** and put the words in order.

- 1 (working / Paul / today?) Is Paul working today?
- 2 (what / doing / the children?) What are the children doing?
- 3 (you / listening / to me?)
- 4 (where / going / your friends?)
- 5 (your parents / television / watching?)
- 6 (what / cooking / Ann?)
- 7 (why / you / looking / at me?)
- 8 (coming / the bus?)

4.4 Write short answers (Yes, I am. / No, he isn't. etc.)

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| 1 Are you watching TV? <u>No, I'm not.</u> | 4 Is it raining? |
| 2 Are you wearing a watch? | 5 Are you sitting on the floor? |
| 3 Are you eating something? | 6 Are you feeling well? |