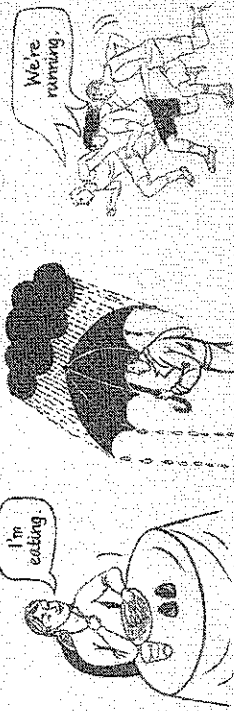


# I am doing (present continuous)



She's eating.  
She isn't reading.

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

We'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 wearing a jacket. She isn't eating. (or She's not eating.)
she	is	(not) -ing	The phone is ringing.
it			We're having dinner. You're not listening to me. (or You aren't...)
we	are	(not) -ing	The children are doing their homework.
you			
they			

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



- 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 ⇒ are you doing? (questions) ⇒ I am doing and I do ⇒

## EXERCISES

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

- eat have lie play sit wait

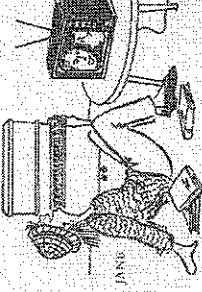


- 1 She's eating an apple. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor.  
2 He \_\_\_\_\_ for a bus. 5 \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast.  
3 They \_\_\_\_\_ football. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ on the table.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ on my foot.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'  
3 'You \_\_\_\_\_ in the river.'  
4 Look! Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ at the Central Hotel.  
5 We're here on holiday. We \_\_\_\_\_ a shower.  
6 'Where's Ann?' 'She \_\_\_\_\_ a new theatre in the city centre at the moment.'  
7 They \_\_\_\_\_ now. Goodbye.  
8 I \_\_\_\_\_

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 full sentences.

- 1 (I / wash / my hair) I'm not washing my hair...  
2 (it / snow) It's snowing. OK. 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) \_\_\_\_\_

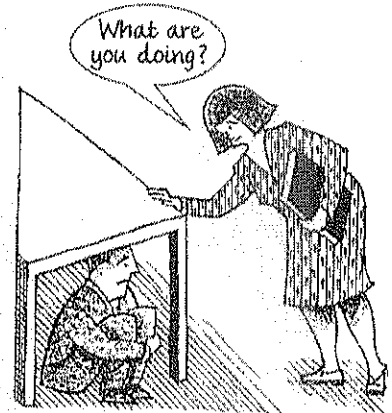
# are you doing? (present continuous questions)

**A** positive

I	am	doing
he	} is	working
she		going
it		staying
we	} are	etc.
you		
they		

question

am	I	doing?
} is	he	working?
	she	going?
	it	staying?
} are	we	etc.
	you	
	they	



- '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?

**B** Study the word order:

is/are + subject + -ing

- Is he working today?
- Is Paul working today? (not 'Is working Paul today?')
- Where are they going?
- Where are those people going? (not 'Where are going those people?')

**C** short answers

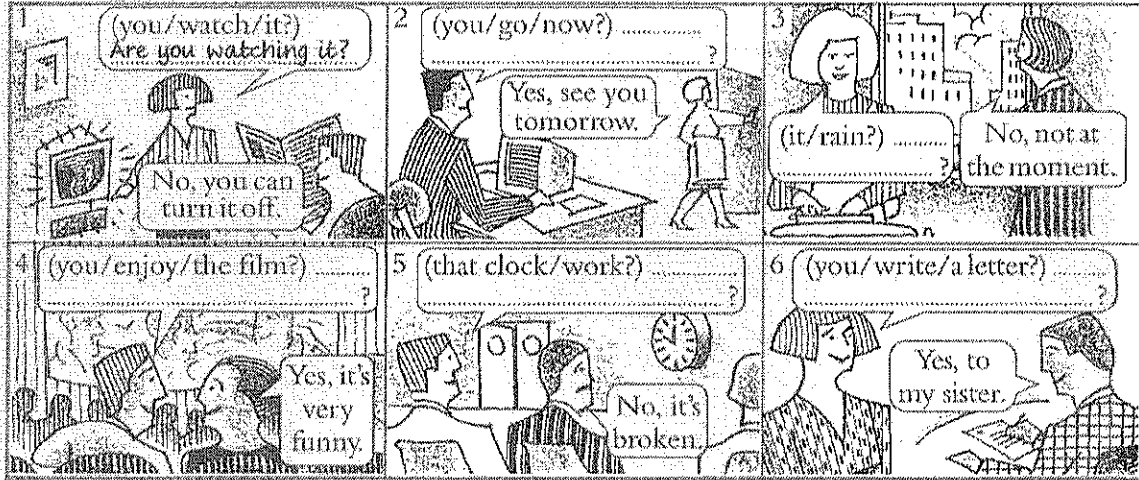
Yes, I am.
Yes, { he } is.
{ she }
{ it }
Yes, { we } are.
{ you }
{ they }

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

- '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.'

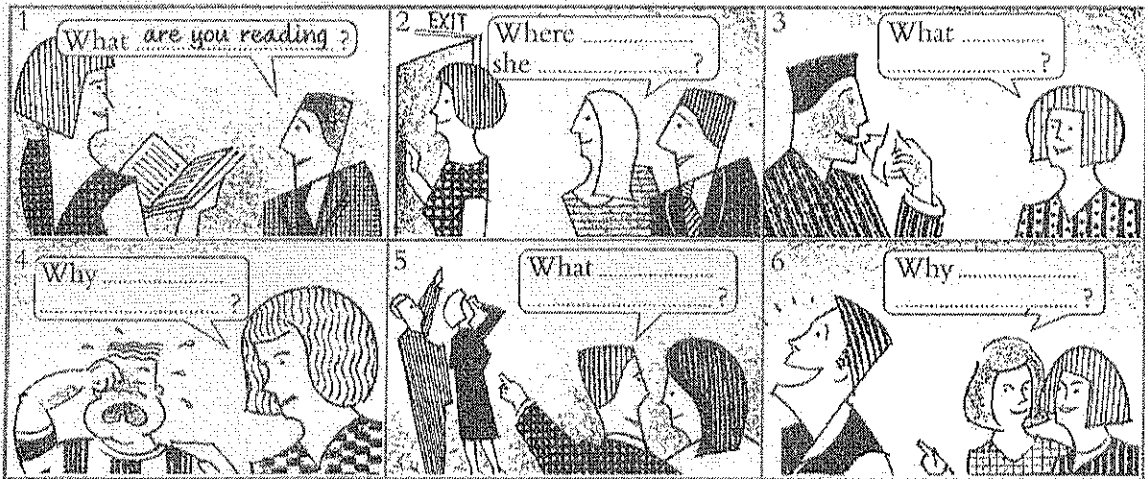
EXERCISES

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.)

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 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? .....         |

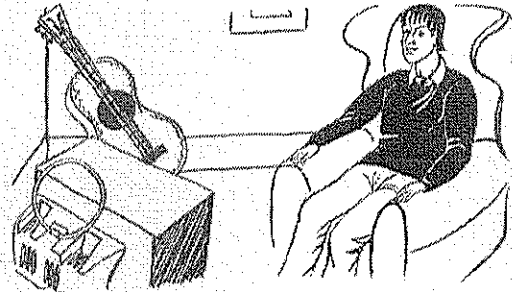
# I am doing and I do (present continuous and present simple)

**A**

Jim is watching television.  
He is *not* playing the guitar.

But Jim has a guitar.  
He often plays it and he plays very well.

Jim *plays* the guitar  
but he is *not playing* the guitar now.



Is he *playing* the guitar?    **No, he isn't.**    (*present continuous*)  
Does he *play* the guitar?    **Yes, he does.**    (*present simple*)

**B**

*Present continuous (I am doing)* – now, at the time of speaking:

**I'm doing**

past ————— NOW ————— future

- Please be quiet. **I'm working.** (*not* 'I work')
- Tom **is having** a shower at the moment. (*not* 'Tom has')
- Take an umbrella with you. **It's raining.**
- You can turn off the television. **I'm not watching** it.
- Why are you under the table? **What are you doing?**

**C**

*Present simple (I do)* – in general, all the time or sometimes:

**I do**

past ————— NOW ————— future

- I **work** every day from 9 o'clock to 5.30.
- Tom **has** a shower every morning.
- It **rains** a lot in winter.
- I **don't watch** television very often.
- What **do** you usually **do** at the weekend?

**D**

We do *not* use these verbs in the present continuous (*I am -ing*):

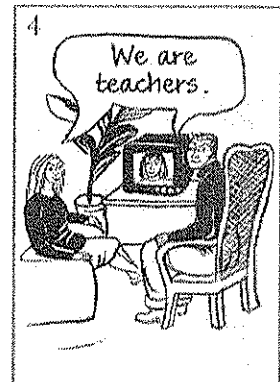
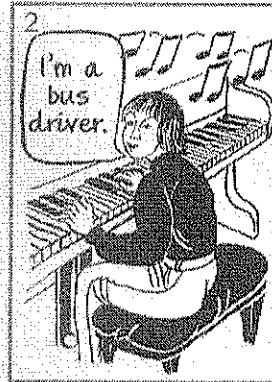
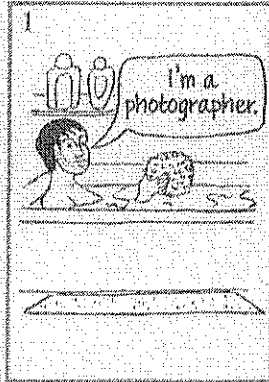
like	love	want	know	understand	remember	depend
prefer	hate	need	mean	believe	forget	

Use the present simple only with these verbs (*I want / do you like?* etc.):

- I'm tired. **I want** to go home. (*not* 'I'm wanting')
- 'Do you **know** that girl?' 'Yes, but I **don't remember** her name.'
- I **don't understand**. What **do** you mean?

EXERCISES

8.1 Answer the questions about the pictures.



- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 Does he take photographs? <u>Yes, he does.</u> | Is he taking a photograph? <u>No, he isn't.</u> |
| What is he doing? <u>He's having a bath.</u>     |   |
| 2 Is she driving a bus? .....                    | Does she drive a bus? .....                     |
| What is she doing? .....                         |   |
| 3 Does he clean windows? .....                   | Is he cleaning a window? .....                  |
| What is he doing? .....                          |   |
| 4 Are they teaching? .....                       | Do they teach? .....                            |
| What do they do? .....                           |   |

8.2 Put in **am/is/are** or **do/don't/does/doesn't**.

- Excuse me, do you speak English?
- 'Where's Ann?' 'I don't know.'
- What's funny? Why are you laughing?
- 'What does your sister do?' 'She's a dentist.'
- It is raining. I don't want to go out in the rain.
- 'Where do you come from?' 'Canada.'
- How much did it cost to phone Canada?
- George is a good tennis player but he doesn't play very often.

8.3 Put the verb in the present continuous (**I am doing**) or the present simple (**I do**).

- Excuse me. Do you speak (you/speak) English?
- 'Where's Tom?' 'He's having (he/have) a shower.'
- I don't watch (I/not/watch) television very often.
- Listen! Somebody is singing (sing).
- Sandra is tired. She wants (she/want) to go home now.
- How often do you read (you/read) a newspaper?
- 'Excuse me but do you sit (you/sit) in my place.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
- I'm sorry. I don't understand (I/not/understand). Can you speak more slowly?
- It's late. Do you want to go (I/go) home now.
- Do you want to come (you/come) with me?
- What time do you finish (your father / finish) work in the evenings?
- You can turn off the radio. Do you want to listen (I/not/listen) to it.
- 'Where's Paul?' 'In the kitchen. He's cooking (he/cook) something.'
- Martin usually walks (not/usually/drive) to work. He usually walks (usually/walk).
- Sue doesn't like (not/like) coffee. She prefers (she/prefer) tea.