

They're playing
in the snow.

1 Read.



Present continuous (affirmative)

To talk about something which is happening now, at the moment of speaking, we use the **present continuous**. This tense is formed with **am/are/is + verb + -ing**.

When we speak, we usually use the short form.

I **am** playing.

You **are** playing.

He **is** playing.

She **is** playing.

It **is** playing.

We **are** playing.

You **are** playing.

They **are** playing.

I'm playing.

You're playing.

He's playing.

She's playing.

It's playing.

We're playing.

You're playing.

They're playing.

Note: When the verb ends in **-e**, we drop the **-e** before adding **-ing**.

take → She's **taking** a photo.

have → We're **having** breakfast.

When the verb has got only one syllable and ends in **consonant-vowel-consonant**, we double the consonant that is at the end of the verb.

win → We're **winning**.

2 Find eight verbs. Then write them in the present continuous.

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1 winning

5 taking

2 running

6 writing

3 swimming

7 helping

4 watching

8 having

3 Write.

dance drink make ~~wear~~ win write



The hockey players are wearing red clothes.



Samantha is winning the race.



We are making a snowman.



Lisa is writing in her diary.



Steve and Liz are drinking hot chocolate.



They are dancing.

4 Write.

1 Mark / have fun / in Canada

Mark is having fun in Canada.

2 Chrissy and Mary / sleep / in their bedrooms

Chrissy and Mary are sleeping in their bedrooms.

3 we / play / a fun game

We are playing a fun game.

4 the children / take / photos

The children are taking photos.

5 that boy / eat / our food

That boy is eating our food.

6 you / run / fast

You are running fast.

Lesson 2

1 Read.

I'm not watching TV.
I'm reading a book.



Present continuous (negative)

We use the **present continuous** with the word **not** after **am, are, is** to say that a person is not doing an action now. When we speak, we usually use the short form.

I **am not** playing.

You **are not** playing.

He **is not** playing.

She **is not** playing.

It **is not** playing.

We **are not** playing.

You **are not** playing.

They **are not** playing.

I'm **not** playing.

You **aren't** playing.

He **isn't** playing.

She **isn't** playing.

It **isn't** playing.

We **aren't** playing.

You **aren't** playing.

They **aren't** playing.

2 Circle.

- 1 The children **aren't** / **isn't** doing their homework.
- 2 Mum **isn't** / **aren't** playing a game.
- 3 The cat **isn't** / **aren't** climbing a tree.
- 4 I'm **not** / **aren't** sleeping.
- 5 We **isn't** / **aren't** riding our bicycles.
- 6 It **aren't** / **isn't** snowing today.
- 7 He 'm **not** / **isn't** listening to the lesson.
- 8 They **isn't** / **aren't** watching the film.

3 Write.

- 1 Megan / climb / a mountain
- 2 I / sit / at my desk
- 3 the boys / swim
- 4 it / snow / today
- 5 we / have / fun
- 6 you / listen / to me
- 7 Emily / play / football
- 8 they / ride / their bikes

Megan isn't climbing a mountain.
I'm not sitting at my desk.
The boys aren't swimming.
It isn't snowing today.
We aren't having fun.
You aren't listening to me.
Emily isn't playing football.
They aren't riding their bikes.

4 Write.



The butterfly (1) isn't flying (fly).
It (2) is sitting (sit) on a
flower.



The children (5) aren't having (have)
a picnic. They (6) are running (run)
and jumping.



The children (3) are having
(have) fun on the beach. They
(4) aren't sleeping (sleep).



We (7) aren't sitting (sit) at home.
We (8) are playing (play) in the
snow.

Lesson 3

1 Read.

What are you doing?



I'm playing a video game.

Present continuous (questions and short answers)

To ask if someone is doing an action at the moment, we simply put **Am, Are, Is** at the beginning of the question. We give short answers with **Yes** or **No**, the correct person, and **am, are** or **is**.

Am I playing?

Yes, I **am**. / No, I'm **not**.

Are you playing?

Yes, you **are**. / No, you **aren't**.

Is he playing?

Yes, he **is**. / No, he **isn't**.

Is she playing?

Yes, she **is**. / No, she **isn't**.

Is it playing?

Yes, it **is**. / No, it **isn't**.

Are we playing?

Yes, we **are**. / No, we **aren't**.

Are you playing?

Yes, you **are**. / No, you **aren't**.

Are they playing?

Yes, they **are**. / No, they **aren't**.

To ask what a person is doing at the moment, we use **What** at the beginning of the question. We answer with the **present continuous**.

What are you doing?

I'm making a cake.

What is Peter eating?

He's eating popcorn.

2 Write and match.

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| 1 | <u>Is</u> | he | <u>making</u> | (make) a fire? | a | Yes, they are. |
| 2 | <u>Are</u> | we | <u>eating</u> | (eat) burgers? | b | No, it isn't. |
| 3 | <u>Is</u> | it | <u>sleeping</u> | (sleep) in a bed? | c | Yes, she is. |
| 4 | <u>Is</u> | Mum | <u>cooking</u> | (cook) dinner? | d | Yes, I am. |
| 5 | <u>Are</u> | you | <u>having</u> | (have) fun? | e | No, he isn't. |
| 6 | <u>Are</u> | Bob and Alice | <u>walking</u> | (walk)? | f | Yes, we are. |

3 Write about you. Answers will vary.

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| 1 <u>Is</u> your dad watching TV? | <u>Yes, he is. / No, he isn't.</u> |
| 2 <u>Are</u> your friends listening? | <u>Yes, they are. / No, they aren't.</u> |
| 3 <u>Is</u> your mum working? | <u>Yes, she is. / No, she isn't.</u> |
| 4 <u>Are</u> you sleeping at your desk? | <u>Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.</u> |
| 5 <u>Are</u> you and your friends studying? | <u>Yes, we are. / No, we aren't.</u> |
| 6 <u>Is</u> your teacher sitting next to you? | <u>Yes, he/she is. / No, he/she isn't.</u> |

4 Write and match.

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| 1 <u>What is</u> Dad <u>watching</u> (watch)? | a My favourite jeans. |
| 2 <u>What are</u> you <u>wearing</u> (wear)? | b A big sandwich. |
| 3 <u>What are</u> the children <u>playing</u> (play)? | c TV. |
| 4 <u>What is</u> Alberto <u>eating</u> (eat)? | d Her homework. |
| 5 <u>What is</u> Susan <u>doing</u> (do)? | e A video game. |

5 Say it! Answers will vary.

What is he doing?

He's watching TV.

