

# I am doing (present continuous)

A



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.

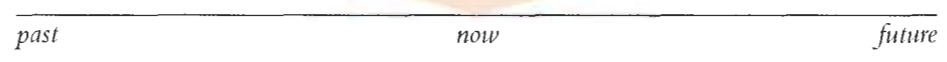
I	<b>am</b> (not)	<b>-ing</b>
he she it	<b>is</b> (not)	
we you they	<b>are</b> (not)	

- I'm working. I'm not watching TV.
- Maria **is reading** a newspaper.
- She **isn't eating**. (or She's not eating.)
- The phone **is ringing**.
- We're **having** dinner.
- You're **not listening** to me. (or You aren't listening ...)
- The children **are doing** their homework.

B

**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



- Please be quiet. I'm **working**. (= I'm working now)
- Look, there's Sarah. She's **wearing** a brown coat. (= she is wearing it now)
- The weather is nice. It's **not raining**.
- 'Where are the children?' 'They're **playing** in the park.'
- (on the phone) We're **having** dinner now. Can I phone you later?
- You can turn off the television. I'm **not watching** it.

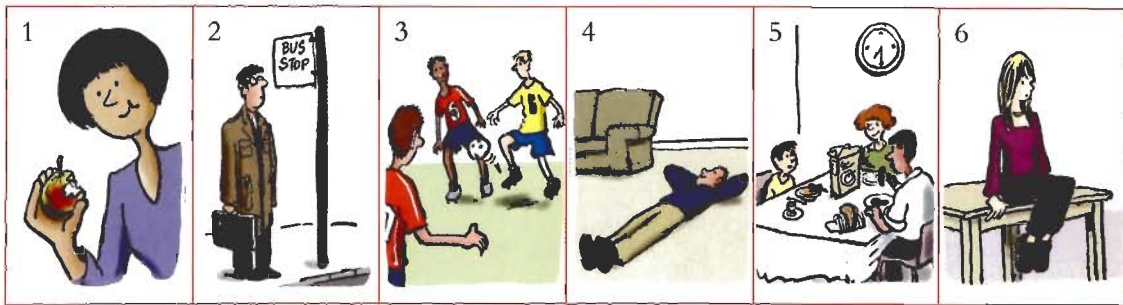
Spelling (→ Appendix 5):

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 25**

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 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 Sue?' 'She ..... a shower.'
- 7 They ..... a new hotel 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.



Jane

- 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 now? 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) .....