Lesson 1

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.

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.

1 winning
2 running
3 swimming
4 watching
5 taking
6 writing
7 helping
8 having

They’re playing in the snow.
3 Write.

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1. The hockey players are wearing red clothes.
2. Samantha is winning the race.
3. We are making a snowman.
4. Lisa is writing in her diary.
5. Steve and Liz are drinking hot chocolate.
6. 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.
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
Megan isn’t climbing a mountain.
2 I / sit / at my desk
I’m not sitting at my desk.
3 the boys / swim
The boys aren’t swimming.
4 it / snow / today
It isn’t snowing today.
5 we / have / fun
We aren’t having fun.
6 you / listen / to me
You aren’t listening to me.
7 Emily / play / football
Emily isn’t playing football.
8 they / ride / their bikes
They aren’t riding their bikes.

4 Write.

The butterfly (1) **isn’t flying** (fly).
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.
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.

1 Is he making (make) a fire?
2 Are we eating (eat) burgers?
3 Is it sleeping (sleep) in a bed?
4 Is Mum cooking (cook) dinner?
5 Are you having (have) fun?
6 Are Bob and Alice walking (walk)?
3 Write about you. **Answers will vary.**

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

4 Write and match.

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

5 **Say it!** **Answers will vary.**

What is he doing? He’s watching TV.