

- What are they doing? / What is she doing? / What is he doing?  
- Answer with sentences:



they are reading    She is singing    he is fishing    she is drinking    she is kissing

## I. RULES AND EXAMPLES

### Present Continuous Tense – When to Use

1. We use the Present Continuous Tense to talk about activities happening now.

**Format: Am/is/are (not) + verb-ing = present continuous tense**

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- Sally **is studying** really hard for her exams this week.*
  - I **am reading** a really interesting book now.*
  - How **are you brushing up** on your English for the trip?*
  - We **aren't working** hard these days.*

3. The Present Continuous Tense is also used to talk about activities happening in the near future, especially for planned future events.

#### Examples

- I **am seeing** my dentist on Wednesday.*
- Polly **is coming** for dinner tomorrow.*
- Are you doing** anything tonight?*
- We **aren't going** on holiday next week.*

## II. EXERCISES

2.1 Choose the correct verb to complete the sentences:

eat    have    lie    play    sit    wait

Example: She \_\_\_\_\_ an apple.

Answer: She is/She's eating an apple.

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ for a bus.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ football.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast.
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ on the table.

2.2 Complete the sentences. Use one of these verbs:

build cook go have stand stay swim work

1. Please be quiet. I \_\_\_\_\_.
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.

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| 6. (I / listen / to music)  | Answer: _____. |
| 7. (The sun / shine)        | Answer: _____. |
| 8. (I / wear / shoes)       | Answer: _____. |
| 9. (I / read / a newspaper) | Answer: _____. |

### III. HOMEWORK / WRITING

Complete the conversations:

Conversation 1:

Example A: I saw Brian a few days ago.

B: Oh, did you? \_\_\_\_\_ these days? (What / he / do)

Answer: B: Oh, did you? What's he doing these days?

**Start here:**

A: He's at the university.

B: \_\_\_\_\_? (What / he / study)

A: Psychology.

B: \_\_\_\_\_ it? ( He / enjoy)

A: Yes, he says it's a very good course.

Conversation 2:

A: Hi, Liz. How \_\_\_\_\_ in your new job? (you / get on)

B: Not bad. It wasn't so good at first, but \_\_\_\_\_ better now. (things / get)

A: What about Jonathan? Is he OK?

B: Yes, but \_\_\_\_\_ his work at the moment. (he / not / enjoy). He's been in the same job for a long time and \_\_\_\_\_ to get bored with it. (he / begin)

## VI. FREE TALKING

Topic: FRIENDSHIP

Reading: Read the following article

Quotes about friendship:

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right away that there was a connection, or bond, between them. Could it be that there is a twin spirit out there for each of us?

What turns a stranger or acquaintance into a friend? Do you know right away if you are going to like someone? Some people think that any stranger can become a friend if they spend enough time together. That may be true for some people. But one thing most of us agree on is that true friendships seem to happen when people have something in common. Perhaps we see a part of ourselves in our friends. Maybe seeing the good in them helps us to see the good in us as well.

Questions for discussion:

1. What is a friend to you?
2. Do you like having friends?
3. How many friends do you have?
4. Do you think friends are important?
5. Tell me a story about your best friend.