

- 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

Examples

*The kids **are watching** TV.*

*I **am sitting down**, because I am tired.*

*I **am not learning** German, because this is an English class.*

*Who **are you writing** to?*

2. We can also use the Present Continuous Tense to talk about activities happening around now, and not necessarily this very moment.

Examples

*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.

2.3 What's happening at the moment? Write true sentences.

Example: (I / wash / my hair)

Answer: I'm not washing my hair. (true sentence)

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| 1. (It / snow) | Answer: _____. |
| 2. (I / sit / on a chair) | Answer: _____. |
| 3. (I / eat) | Answer: _____. |
| 4. (It / rain) | Answer: _____. |
| 5. (I / learn / English) | Answer: _____. |
| 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:

"Friendship is one mind in two bodies."

"Your friend is the man who knows all about you, and still likes you."

"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

Some friends come into our lives for just a short time. Others come and stay forever. Think about your closest friends. How long have you known each other? Some people say that their spouse or family member is their best friend. Others say they have known their closest friends for many years. And some great friends haven't known each other all that long, but knew 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.