

## 1 The form of the present continuous is:

*am/is/are + '-ing'*

For the negative you add *not* after *am/is/are*:

*I am not working* at the moment.

You can use the short forms *aren't* and *isn't*:

*We aren't going* by bus.

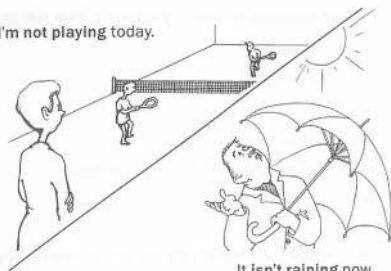
## 2 You use the present continuous:

a to talk about an activity or something happening now:

*They're talking*; *they're not eating*.



*I'm not playing* today.



*It isn't raining* now.

b to talk about a temporary situation:

*I'm living* with my friends at the moment.

*We're staying* at a wonderful hotel.

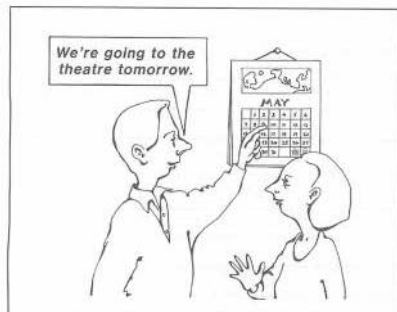
*I'm not feeling* well today.

*My sister's working* as a waitress for a month.

c to talk about a future plan:

*Mike is coming* home on Thursday.

*They're having* a party next week.



d to talk about change, development and progress:

Life *is getting* easier thanks to technology.

Do you think your English *is improving*?

Inflation *is rising* and unemployment *is getting worse*.

e with *always* to criticize or complain about what someone does:

*You're always interrupting* me!

*My father is always losing* his car keys.



**A** Are these sentences 'Present activities' (PA) or are they 'Future plans' (FP) ?

- 1 Be quiet. I'm trying to relax. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 We're having a party soon. Can you come? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Who is making that noise? It's terrible! \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 They're going to a restaurant tonight. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Are you working now? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 What are you doing tomorrow? Do you want to come to a match? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 They're learning English now. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 I'm wearing my new jeans. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Is the sun shining? \_\_\_\_\_

**B** What are you doing now? Write true statements using *I am ...-ing* or *I'm not ...-ing*:

- 1 wear jeans \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 study English \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 sit at home \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 watch TV \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 smoke a cigarette \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 talk with friends \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 relax \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 listen to music \_\_\_\_\_

**C** Look at the picture and complete the sentences using these verbs:

eat push shine buy walk read listen to wear

- 1 The boy \_\_\_\_\_ sweets.
- 2 The businessman \_\_\_\_\_ across the road.
- 3 It's a fine day. The sun \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 A jogger \_\_\_\_\_ music on a walkman.
- 5 The man at the bus stop \_\_\_\_\_ a newspaper.
- 6 The woman in the park \_\_\_\_\_ a pram.
- 7 No-one in the picture \_\_\_\_\_ a hat.
- 8 Some customers \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.



**D** Match the questions and answers:

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| 1 Where are you going on holiday this year? | To Malta probably.    |
| 2 What are you doing this evening?          | We're going camping.  |
| 3 Why are you learning English?             | I'm watching a video. |
| 4 Are you doing anything this week-end?     | Because it's useful.  |

Now give your real answers to these questions.