

# are you doing? (present continuous questions)

A

| Positive |     |          | Question |      |           |
|----------|-----|----------|----------|------|-----------|
| I        | am  |          | am       | I    |           |
| he       | is  | doing    |          | he   | doing?    |
| she      |     | working  | is       | she  | working?  |
| it       |     | going    |          | it   | going?    |
| we       | are | staying, |          | we   | staying?, |
| you      |     | etc.     | are      | you  | etc.      |
| they     |     |          |          | they |           |



- "Are you feeling OK?" "Yes, I'm fine, thanks."
- "Is it raining?" "Yes, take an umbrella."
- Why are you wearing a coat? It's not cold.
- "What's Paul doing?" "He's reading the newspaper."
- "What are the children doing?" "They're watching television."
- Look, there's Emily! Where's she going?
- Who are you waiting for? Are you waiting for Sue?

B

Study the word order:

|       | is/are + subject + -ing |              |   |
|-------|-------------------------|--------------|---|
|       | Is                      | he           | working today?                                      |
| Where | Is                      | Paul         | working today? ( <i>not</i> Is working Paul today?) |
| Where | are                     | they         | going?  |
| Where | are                     | those people | going? ( <i>not</i> Where are going those people?)  |

C

Short answers

|      |      |      |     |       |      |    |      |         |        |         |
|------|------|------|-----|-------|------|----|------|---------|--------|---------|
| Yes, | I    | am.  | No, | I'm   | not. | or | No,  | he      | isn't. |         |
|      | he   | is.  |     | he's  |      |    |      | we're   |        |         |
|      | she  |      |     | she's |      |    |      |         |        | you're  |
|      | it   |      |     | it's  |      |    |      |         |        | they're |
|      | we   | are. |     |       |      |    | we   | aren't. |        |         |
|      | you  |      |     |       |      |    | you  |         |        |         |
|      | they |      |     |       |      |    | they |         |        |         |

- "Are you leaving now?" "Yes, I am."
- "Is Paul working today?" "Yes, he is."
- "Is it raining?" "No, it isn't."
- "Are your friends staying at a hotel?" "No, they aren't. They're staying with me."

## 4.1 Look at the pictures and write the questions.

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <p>1. (you / watch / it?)<br/><i>Are you watching it?</i></p> <p>No, you can turn it off.</p> | <p>2. (you / leave / now?) _____</p> <p>Yes, see you tomorrow.</p> | <p>3. (it / rain?) _____</p> <p>No, not right now.</p>           |
| <p>4. (you / enjoy / the movie?) _____</p> <p>Yes, it's very funny.</p>                       | <p>5. (that clock / work?) _____</p> <p>No, it's broken.</p>       | <p>6. (you / wait / for a bus?) _____</p> <p>No, for a taxi.</p> |

## 4.2 Look at the pictures and complete the questions. Use:

cry eat go laugh look at ~~read~~

|   |                                   |                        |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| <p>1. What <u>are you reading</u> ?</p> | <p>2. Where _____ she _____ ?</p> | <p>3. What _____ ?</p> |
| <p>4. Why _____ ?</p>                   | <p>5. What _____ ?</p>            | <p>6. Why _____ ?</p>  |

## 4.3 Make questions with these words. Put the words in the right order.

- (is / working / Paul / today) Is Paul working today ?
- (what / the children / are / doing) What are the children doing ?
- (you / are / listening / to me) \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- (where / your friends / are / going) \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- (are / watching / your parents / television) \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- (what / Jessica / is / cooking) \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- (why / you / are / looking / at me) \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- (is / coming / the bus) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

## 4.4 Write short answers (Yes, I am. / No, he isn't., etc.).

- Are you watching TV? No, I'm not.
- Are you wearing a watch? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you eating something? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is it raining? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you sitting on the floor? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you feeling all right? \_\_\_\_\_