

# I am doing (present continuous)

A



She's **eating**.  
She **isn't** reading.



It's **raining**.  
The sun **isn't** shining.



They're **running**.  
They **aren't** walking.

The present continuous is:  
**am/is/are + doing/eating/running/writing etc.**

I	<b>am</b>	(not)	<b>-ing</b>	I'm <b>working</b> .	
he	}	<b>is</b>	(not)	<b>-ing</b>	Chris <b>is</b> writing a letter.
she					She <b>isn't</b> eating. (or She's <b>not</b> eating.)
it					The phone <b>is</b> ringing.
we	}	<b>are</b>	(not)	<b>-ing</b>	We're <b>having</b> dinner.
you					You're <b>not</b> listening to me. (or You <b>aren't</b> ...)
they					The children <b>are</b> doing their homework.

B

**am/is/are + -ing** = something is happening *now*:

I'm **working**  
she's **wearing** a hat  
they're **playing** football  
I'm **not watching** television

past ————— NOW ————— future

- Please be quiet. I'm **working**. (= I'm working now)
- Look at Sue! She's **wearing** her new hat. (= she is wearing it now)
- The weather is nice at the moment. It's **not raining**.
- 'Where are the children?' 'They're **playing** in the park.'
- (on the phone) We're **having** dinner now. Can you phone again later?
- You can turn off the television. I'm **not watching** it.

Spelling (⇒ Appendix 5):

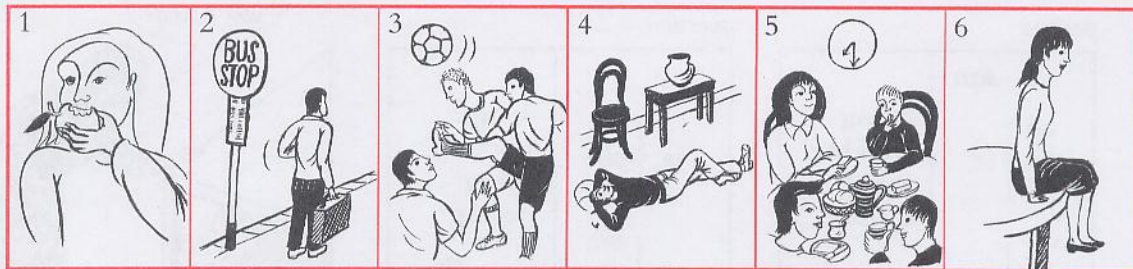
come → **coming**    write → **writing**    dance → **dancing**  
run → **running**    sit → **sitting**    swim → **swimming**  
lie → **lying**

am/is/are ⇒ **UNIT 1**    are you doing? (questions) ⇒ **UNIT 4**    I am doing and I do ⇒ **UNIT 8**  
What are you doing tomorrow? ⇒ **UNIT 26**

EXERCISES

3.1 What are these people doing? Use these verbs to complete the sentences:

eat have lie play sit wait



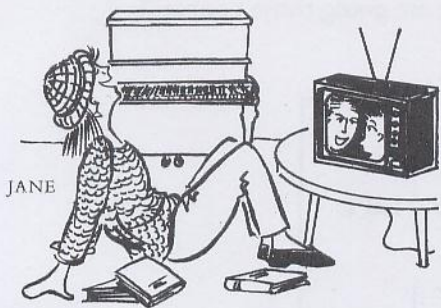
- 1 She's eating an apple.
- 2 He ..... for a bus.
- 3 They ..... football.
- 4 ..... on the floor.
- 5 ..... breakfast.
- 6 ..... on the table.

3.2 Complete the sentences. Use one of these verbs:

build cook go have stand stay swim work

- 1 Please be quiet. I 'm working...
- 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.

3.3 Look at the picture. Write sentences about Jane. Use She's -ing or She isn't -ing.



- 1 (have dinner) Jane isn't having dinner.
- 2 (watch television) She's watching television.
- 3 (sit on the floor) She .....
- 4 (read a book) .....
- 5 (play the piano) .....
- 6 (laugh) .....
- 7 (wear a hat) .....
- 8 (write a letter) .....

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

- 1 (I / wash / my hair) I'm not washing my hair.
- 2 (it / snow) It's snowing. OR It isn't snowing.
- 3 (I / sit / on a chair) .....
- 4 (I / eat) .....
- 5 (it / rain) .....
- 6 (I / learn / English) .....
- 7 (I / listen / to music) .....
- 8 (the sun / shine) .....
- 9 (I / wear / shoes) .....
- 10 (I / read / a newspaper) .....

# are you doing? (present continuous questions)

**A**

positive

I	<b>am</b>	doing working going staying
he she it	<b>is</b>	
we you they	<b>are</b>	
		<i>etc.</i>

question

<b>am</b>	I	doing? working? going? staying?
<b>is</b>	he she it	
<b>are</b>	we you they	
		<i>etc.</i>



- 'Are you feeling OK?' 'Yes, I'm fine, thank you.'
- '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 Sally! Where's she **going**?'
- Who **are** you waiting for? **Are** you waiting for Sue?

**B**

Study the word order:

**is/are** + *subject* + **-ing**

	<b>Is</b>	he	<b>working</b> today?
	<b>Is</b>	Paul	<b>working</b> today? ( <i>not</i> 'Is working Paul today?')
Where	<b>are</b>	they	<b>going</b> ?
Where	<b>are</b>	those people	<b>going</b> ? ( <i>not</i> 'Where are going those people?')

**C**

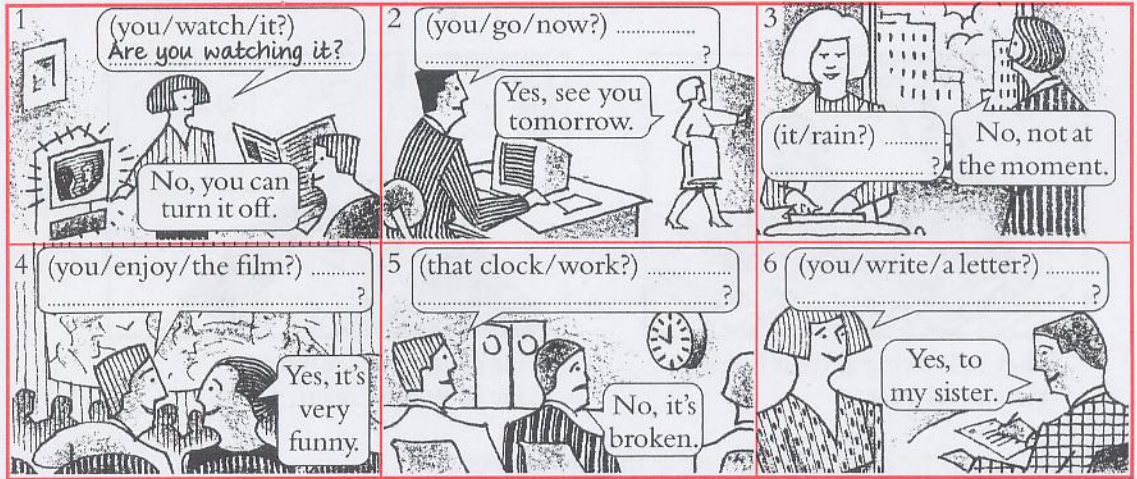
short answers

Yes, I <b>am</b> .	No, I'm <b>not</b> .
Yes, { he she } <b>is</b> .	No, { he's she's } <b>not</b> . or No, { he she } <b>isn't</b> .
Yes, { we you } <b>are</b> .	No, { we're you're } <b>not</b> . or No, { we you } <b>aren't</b> .
	No, { it's they're } <b>not</b> .

- 'Are you going 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.'

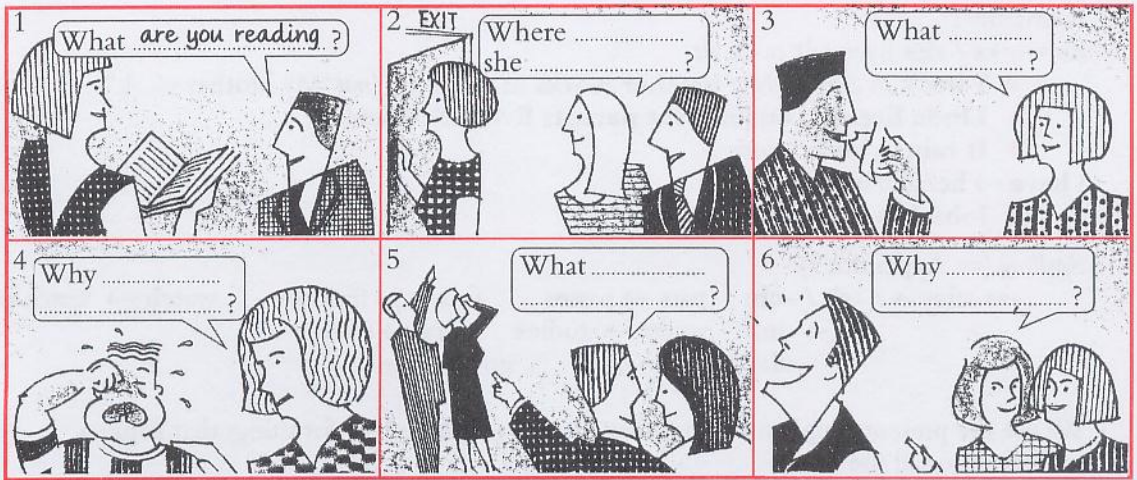
EXERCISES

4.1 Look at the pictures and write the questions.



4.2 Look at the pictures and complete the questions. Use one of these:

cry eat go laugh look at read



4.3 Write questions from these words. Use **is** or **are** and put the words in order.

- 1 (working / Paul / today?) Is Paul working today?
- 2 (what / doing / the children?) What are the children doing?
- 3 (you / listening / to me?) .....
- 4 (where / going / your friends?) .....
- 5 (your parents / television / watching?) .....
- 6 (what / cooking / Ann?) .....
- 7 (why / you / looking / at me?) .....
- 8 (coming / the bus?) .....

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

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Are you watching TV? <u>No, I'm not.</u> | 4 Is it raining? .....                |
| 2 Are you wearing a watch? .....           | 5 Are you sitting on the floor? ..... |
| 3 Are you eating something? .....          | 6 Are you feeling well? .....         |

# I do/work/like etc. (present simple)

A



They're looking at their books.  
They **read** a lot.



He's eating an ice-cream.  
He **likes** ice-cream.

They **read** / he **likes** / I **work** etc. = the *present simple*:

I/we/you/they	<b>read</b>	<b>like</b>	<b>work</b>	<b>live</b>	<b>watch</b>	<b>do</b>	<b>have</b>
he/she/it	reads	likes	works	lives	watches	does	has

Remember:

**he works** / **she lives** / **it rains** etc.

- **I work** in a shop. **My brother works** in a bank. (*not* 'My brother work')
- **Linda lives** in London. **Her parents live** in Scotland.
- **It rains** a lot in winter.

**I have** → he/she/it **has**:

- **John has** a shower every day.

*Spelling* (⇒ Appendix 5):

- es after **-s** / **-sh** / **-ch**: pass → passes    finish → finishes    watch → watches
- y → **-ies**: study → studies    try → tries
- also: do → does    go → goes

B

We use the present simple for things that are true in general, or for things that happen sometimes or all the time:

- I **like** big cities.
- The shops **open** at 9 o'clock and **close** at 5.30.
- Tim **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7.30 and **finishes** at 8 o'clock in the evening.
- The Earth **goes** round the Sun.
- We **do** a lot of different things in our free time.
- It **costs** a lot of money to stay at luxury hotels.

C

**always/never/often/sometimes/usually** + present simple

- Sue **always arrives** at work early. (*not* 'Sue arrives always')
- I **usually go** to work by car but sometimes I **walk**. (*not* 'I go usually')
- Julia **never eats** breakfast.
- Tom lives near us. We **often see** him.

I don't ... (negative) ⇒ **UNIT 6**

Do you ... ? (questions) ⇒ **UNIT 7**

I am doing and I do ⇒ **UNIT 8**

always/usually/often etc. (word order) ⇒ **UNIT 93**

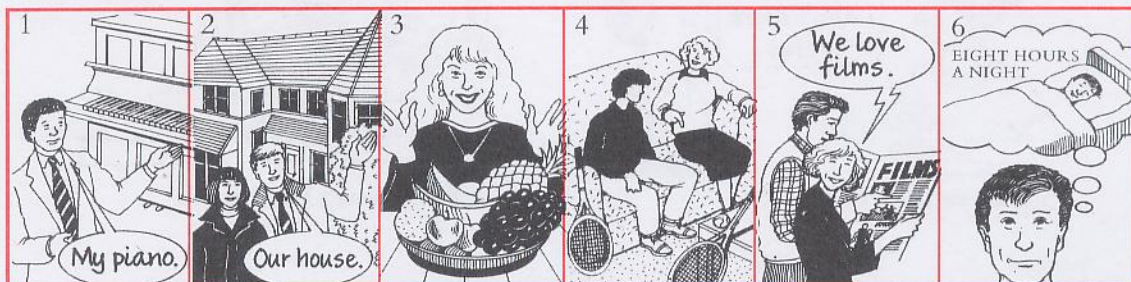
EXERCISES

5.1 Write these verbs + -s or -es.

- 1 (read) she reads                      3 (fly) it .....  
 2 (think) he .....                      4 (dance) he .....                      5 (have) she .....  
 6 (finish) it .....

5.2 Complete the sentences about the people in the pictures. Use these verbs:

- eat    go    live    play    play    sleep



- 1 He plays the piano.                      4 ..... tennis.  
 2 They ..... in a very big house.      5 ..... to the cinema a lot.  
 3 ..... a lot of fruit.                      6 ..... eight hours a night.

5.3 Complete the sentences. Use these verbs:

- boil    close    cost    cost    like    like    meet    open    speak    teach    wash

- 1 Margaret speaks four languages.  
 2 In Britain the banks usually ..... at 9.30 in the morning.  
 3 The City Museum ..... at 5 o'clock in the evening.  
 4 Tina is a teacher. She ..... mathematics to young children.  
 5 My job is very interesting. I ..... a lot of people.  
 6 Peter ..... his hair twice a week.  
 7 Food is expensive. It ..... a lot of money.  
 8 Shoes are expensive. They ..... a lot of money.  
 9 Water ..... at 100 degrees Celsius.  
 10 Julia and I are good friends. I ..... her and she ..... me.

5.4 Write sentences from these words. Put the verb in the right form (arrive or arrives etc.).

- 1 (always / early / Sue / arrive) Sue always arrives early.  
 2 (basketball / I / play / often) I .....  
 3 (work / Margaret / hard / usually) .....  
 4 (Jenny / always / nice clothes / wear) .....  
 5 (dinner / we / have / always / at 7.30) .....  
 6 (television / Tim / watch / never) .....  
 7 (like / chocolate / children / usually) .....  
 8 (Julia / parties / enjoy / always) .....

5.5 Write sentences about yourself. Use always/never/often/sometimes/usually.

- 1 (watch television) I never watch television. / I usually watch television in the evening. (etc.)  
 2 (read in bed) I .....  
 3 (get up before 7 o'clock) .....  
 4 (go to work/school by bus) .....  
 5 (drink coffee) .....

# I don't ... (present simple negative)

**A** The present simple negative is **don't/doesn't** + *verb*:



She **doesn't drink** coffee.



He **doesn't like** his job.

*positive*

I	<b>work</b>
we	<b>like</b>
you	<b>do</b>
they	<b>have</b>
he	works
she	likes
it	does
	has

*negative*

I	<b>do not</b>	work like do have
we	<b>(don't)</b>	
you		
they		
he	<b>does not</b>	work like do have
she	<b>(doesn't)</b>	
it		

- I **drink** coffee but I **don't drink** tea.
- Sue **drinks** tea but she **doesn't drink** coffee.
- You **don't work** very hard.
- We **don't watch** television very often.
- The weather is usually nice. It **doesn't rain** very often.
- Gerry and Linda **don't know** many people.

**B** Remember:

I/we/you/they **don't** ...      ● I **don't** like football.  
he/she/it **doesn't** ...      ● He **doesn't** like football.

- I **don't like** Fred and Fred **doesn't like** me. (*not* 'Fred don't like')
- My car **doesn't** use much petrol. (*not* 'My car don't use')
- Sometimes he is late but **it doesn't** happen very often.

**C** We use **don't/doesn't** + *infinitive* (don't **like** / doesn't **speak** / doesn't **do** etc.):

- I **don't like** washing the car. I **don't do** it very often.
- Sandra **speaks** Spanish but she **doesn't speak** Italian. (*not* 'doesn't speaks')
- Bill **doesn't do** his job very well. (*not* 'Bill doesn't his job')
- Paula **doesn't** usually **have** breakfast. (*not* 'doesn't ... has')

EXERCISES

6.1 Write the negative.

- 1 I play the piano very well. I don't play the piano very well.
- 2 Jane plays the piano very well. Jane .....
- 3 They know my phone number. ....
- 4 We work very hard. ....
- 5 He has a bath every day. ....
- 6 You do the same thing every day. ....

6.2 Study the information and write sentences with like.

<p>Do you like...?</p>	<p>Bill and Rose</p>	<p>Carol</p>	<p>YOU</p>	
	1 classical music?	yes	no	?
	2 boxing?	no	yes	?
	3 horror films?	yes	no	?

- 1 Bill and Rose like classical music.  
Carol .....  
I ..... classical music.
- 2 Bill and Rose .....  
Carol .....  
I .....
- 3 .....

6.3 Write about yourself. Use: I never ... or I often ... or I don't ... very often.

- 1 (watch TV) I don't watch TV very often. (OR I never... OR I often ...)
- 2 (go to the theatre) .....
- 3 (ride a bicycle) .....
- 4 (eat in restaurants) .....
- 5 (travel by train) .....

6.4 Complete the sentences. All of them are negative. Use don't/doesn't + one of these verbs:

cost go know read see use wear

- 1 I buy a newspaper every day but sometimes I don't read it.
- 2 Paul has a car but he ..... it very often.
- 3 They like films but they ..... to the cinema very often.
- 4 Amanda is married but she ..... a ring.
- 5 I ..... much about politics. I'm not interested in it.
- 6 It's not an expensive hotel. It ..... much to stay there.
- 7 Brian lives near us but we ..... him very often.

6.5 Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.

- 1 Margaret speaks four languages – English, French, German and Spanish. (speak)
- 2 I don't like my job. It's very boring. (like)
- 3 'Where's Martin?' 'I'm sorry. I ..... ?' (know)
- 4 Sue is a very quiet person. She ..... very much. (talk)
- 5 Jim ..... a lot of tea. It's his favourite drink. (drink)
- 6 It's not true! I ..... it! (believe)
- 7 That's a very beautiful picture. I ..... it very much. (like)
- 8 Mark is a vegetarian. He ..... meat. (eat)



# Do you ... ? (present simple questions)

**A** We use **do/does** in present simple questions:

*positive*

I we you they	<b>work like do have</b>
he she it	<b>works likes does has</b>

*question*

<b>do</b>	I we you they	<b>work? like? do? have?</b>
<b>does</b>	he she it	



**B** Study the word order:

**do/does** + *subject* + *infinitive*

Where	<b>Do</b>	you	<b>work</b>	in the evening?
How often	<b>Do</b>	your friends	<b>live</b>	near here?
What	<b>Does</b>	Chris	<b>play</b>	tennis?
How much	<b>do</b>	your parents	<b>live?</b>	
	<b>do</b>	you	<b>wash</b>	your hair?
	<b>does</b>	this word	<b>mean?</b>	
	<b>does</b>	it	<b>cost</b>	to fly to Rome?

Questions with **always/usually/often**:

What	<b>Do</b>	you	<b>always</b>	<b>have</b>	breakfast?
	<b>Does</b>	Chris	<b>often</b>	<b>play</b>	tennis?
	<b>do</b>	you	<b>usually</b>	<b>do</b>	at weekends?

**What do you do?** = What's your job?:

- 'What do you do?' 'I work in a bank.'

**C** Remember:

- do** I/we/you/they ...
- does** he/she/it ...
- **Do they** like music?
- **Does he** like music?

**D** *short answers*

Yes,	I/we/you/they	<b>do.</b>
	he/she/it	<b>does.</b>

No,	I/we/you/they	<b>don't.</b>
	he/she/it	<b>doesn't.</b>

- 'Do you play tennis?' 'No, I **don't**.'
- 'Do your parents speak English?' 'Yes, **they do**.'
- 'Does George work hard?' 'Yes, **he does**.'
- 'Does your sister live in London?' 'No, **she doesn't**.'

EXERCISES

7.1 Write questions with **Do ...?** and **Does ...?**

- 1 I like chocolate. And you?
- 2 I play tennis. And you?
- 3 Tom plays tennis. And Ann?
- 4 You live near here. And your friends?
- 5 You speak English. And your brother?
- 6 I do exercises every morning. And you?
- 7 Sue often goes away. And Paul?
- 8 I want to be famous. And you?
- 9 You work hard. And Linda?

Do you like chocolate?

..... you .....

..... Ann .....

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7.2 Write questions. Use the words in brackets (...) + **do/does**. Put the words in the right order.

- 1 (where / live / your parents?)
- 2 (you / early / always / get up?)
- 3 (how often / TV / you / watch?)
- 4 (you / want / what / for dinner?)
- 5 (like / you / football?)
- 6 (your brother / like / football?)
- 7 (what / you / do / in the evenings?)
- 8 (your sister / work / where?)
- 9 (to the cinema / often / you / go?)
- 10 (what / mean / this word?)
- 11 (often / snow / it / here?)
- 12 (go / usually / to bed / what time / you?)
- 13 (how much / to phone New York / it / cost?)
- 14 (you / for breakfast / have / usually / what?)

Where do your parents live?

Do you always get up early?

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7.3 Complete the questions. Use these verbs:



~~do~~ do enjoy go like start teach work



- 1 What do you do ?
- 2 ..... it?
- 3 What time ..... in the morning?
- 4 ..... on Saturdays?
- 5 How ..... to work?
- 6 And your husband. What .....?
- 7 What ..... ?
- 8 ..... his job?

I work in a bookshop.  
It's OK.  
At 9 o'clock.  
Sometimes.  
Usually by bus.  
He's a teacher.  
Science.  
Yes, he loves it.

7.4 Write short answers (**Yes, he does.** / **No, I don't.** etc.).

- 1 Do you watch TV a lot? No, I don't. OR Yes, I do.
- 2 Do you live in a big city? .....
- 3 Do you often ride a bicycle? .....
- 4 Does it rain a lot where you live? .....
- 5 Do you play the piano? .....

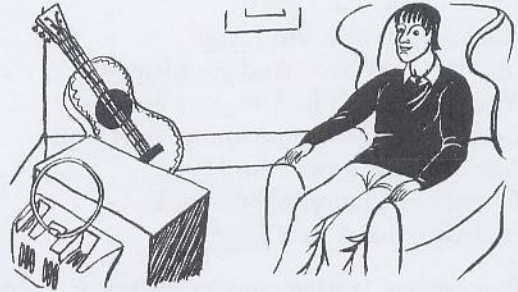
# I am doing and I do (present continuous and present simple)

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Jim is watching television.  
He is *not* playing the guitar.

But Jim has a guitar.  
He often plays it and he plays very well.

Jim **plays** the guitar  
but he **is not playing** the guitar now.



Is he **playing** the guitar?      **No, he isn't.**      (*present continuous*)  
Does he **play** the guitar?      **Yes, he does.**      (*present simple*)

**B**

*Present continuous (I am doing)* – now, at the time of speaking:

I'm doing

past ————— NOW ————— future

- Please be quiet. **I'm working.** (*not* 'I work')
- Tom **is having** a shower at the moment. (*not* 'Tom has')
- Take an umbrella with you. **It's raining.**
- You can turn off the television. **I'm not watching** it.
- Why are you under the table? What **are** you **doing**?

**C**

*Present simple (I do)* – in general, all the time or sometimes:

I do

past ————— NOW ————— future

- I **work** every day from 9 o'clock to 5.30.
- Tom **has** a shower every morning.
- It **rains** a lot in winter.
- I **don't watch** television very often.
- What **do** you usually **do** at the weekend?

**D**

We do *not* use these verbs in the present continuous (**I am -ing**):

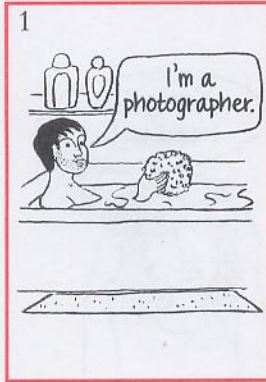
like	love	want	know	understand	remember	depend
prefer	hate	need	mean	believe	forget	

Use the present simple only with these verbs (**I want / do you like?** etc.):

- I'm tired. I **want** to go home. (*not* 'I'm wanting')
- 'Do you **know** that girl?' 'Yes, but I **don't remember** her name.'
- I **don't understand**. What **do** you **mean**?

EXERCISES

8.1 Answer the questions about the pictures.



- 1 Does he take photographs? Yes, he does. Is he taking a photograph? No, he isn't.  
 What is he doing? He's having a bath.
- 2 Is she driving a bus? ..... Does she drive a bus? .....  
 What is she doing? .....
- 3 Does he clean windows? ..... Is he cleaning a window? .....  
 What is he doing? .....
- 4 Are they teaching? ..... Do they teach? .....  
 What do they do? .....

8.2 Put in **am/is/are** or **do/don't/does/doesn't**.

- 1 Excuse me, do you speak English?  
 2 'Where's Ann?' 'I ..... know.'  
 3 What's funny? Why ..... you laughing?  
 4 'What ..... your sister do?' 'She's a dentist.'  
 5 It ..... raining. I ..... want to go out in the rain.  
 6 'Where ..... you come from?' 'Canada.'  
 7 How much ..... it cost to phone Canada?  
 8 George is a good tennis player but he ..... play very often.

8.3 Put the verb in the present continuous (**I am doing**) or the present simple (**I do**).

- 1 Excuse me. Do you speak (you/speak) English?  
 2 'Where's Tom?' 'He's having (he/have) a shower.'  
 3 I don't watch (I/not/watch) television very often.  
 4 Listen! Somebody ..... (sing).  
 5 Sandra is tired. .... (she/want) to go home now.  
 6 How often ..... (you/read) a newspaper?  
 7 'Excuse me but ..... (you/sit) in my place.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'  
 8 I'm sorry, ..... (I/not/understand). Can you speak more slowly?  
 9 It's late. .... (I/go) home now. ....  
 (you/come) with me?  
 10 What time ..... (your father / finish) work in the evenings?  
 11 You can turn off the radio. .... (I/not/listen) to it.  
 12 'Where's Paul?' 'In the kitchen. .... (he/cook) something.'  
 13 Martin ..... (not/usually/drive) to work. He  
 ..... (usually/walk).  
 14 Sue ..... (not/like) coffee. .... (she/prefer) tea.