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.

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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

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 ______________.
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 ______________._
2. (watch television) She ______________.
3. (sit on the floor) ______________.
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)

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- '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

Is he working today?

Is Paul working today? (not ‘Is working Paul today?’)

Where are they going?

Where are those people going? (not ‘Where are going those people?’)

C short answers

Yes, I am.

Yes, he is.

Yes, she is.

Yes, we are.

Yes, you are.

No, I'm not.

No, he’s not. or No, she’s not.

No, it’s not.

No, we’re not.

No, you’re not.

No, they’re not.

- ‘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.

1. (you/watch/it?) Are you watching it?
   No, you can turn it off.

2. (you/go/now?) ........................................
   Yes, see you tomorrow.

3. (it/rain?) ...........................................
   No, not at the moment.

4. (you/enjoy/the film?) ...........................
   Yes, it's very funny.

5. (that clock/work?) .................................
   No, it's broken.

6. (you/write/a letter?) ...........................
   Yes, to my sister.

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

cry  eat  go  laugh  look at  read

1. What are you reading?
   Exit

2. Where she .................................?

3. What ........................???

4. Why ...........................

5. What ...........................

6. Why ...........................

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? No, I'm not.
2. Are you wearing a watch? ............................................................
3. Are you eating something? ...........................................................
4. Is it raining? ..............................................................................
5. Are you sitting on the floor? ........................................................
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:

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Remember:

- he works / she lives / it rains etc.
  - I work in a shop. My brother works in a bank. (not ‘My brother work’)
  - 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 ___________
   3 (fly) it ___________
   5 (have) she ___________
2 (think) he ___________
   4 (dance) he ___________
   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.
2  They ___________ in a very big house.
3  ___________ a lot of fruit.
4  ___________ to the cinema a lot.
5  ___________ tennis.
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 ___________ 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) ___________
2 (basketball / I / play / often) ___________
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) ___________
2 (read in bed) ___________
3 (get up before 7 o’clock) ___________
4 (go to work/school by bus) ___________
5 (drink coffee) ___________
A The present simple negative is don’t/doesn’t + verb:

She doesn’t drink coffee.

He doesn’t like his job.

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- 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:

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- 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’)

I do/work/like etc. (present simple) ⇒ UNIT 5 Do you … ? (present simple questions) ⇒ UNIT 7
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.

1 Bill and Rose like classical music.
   Carol ________________ classical music.
   I ________________

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 _______ it.
   I don’t read
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 ______ four languages – English, French, German and Spanish. (speak)
   don’t speak
2 I _______ 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:

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Do you play the guitar?

B Study the word order:

do/does + subject + infinitive

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Questions with always/usually/often:

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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

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- '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?

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?)

7.3 Complete the questions. Use these verbs: do do enjoy go like start teach work

What do you do?
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)

A

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):

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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? (unanswerable)
   What is she doing? (unanswerable)

3. Does he clean windows? Is he cleaning a window? (unanswerable)
   What is he doing? (unanswerable)

4. Are they teaching? Do they teach? (unanswerable)
   What do they do? (unanswerable)

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 are you laughing?
4. ‘What does your sister do?’ ‘She’s a dentist.’
5. It’s raining, I don’t want to go out in the rain.
6. ‘Where do you come from?’ ‘Canada.’
7. How much does it cost to phone Canada?
8. George is a good tennis player but he doesn’t 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 English?
2. ‘Where’s Tom?’ ‘He’s having a shower.’
3. I don’t watch television very often.
4. Listen! Somebody is singing.
5. Sandra is tired. She wants to go home now.
6. How often do you read a newspaper?
7. ‘Excuse me but sit in my place.’ ‘Oh, I’m sorry.’
8. I’m sorry, I don’t understand. Can you speak more slowly?
9. It’s late, I’m going home now. (unanswerable)
10. What time do your father finish work in the evenings?
11. You can turn off the radio. (I don’t listen) to it.
12. ‘Where’s Paul?’ ‘In the kitchen. He’s cooking something.’
13. Martin usually walks to work. He doesn’t usually drive.
14. Sue doesn’t like coffee. She prefers tea.