

31 Present continuous



Presentation

Use the present continuous (*to be + -ing*) to talk about actions right now.

Affirmative and negative

I	'm 'm not	having a shower.
He She	's isn't	
You We They	're aren't	

Key spelling rules

- Most verbs: *read* → *reading*, *sleep* → *sleeping* ...
- Verbs ending consonant + *-e*: *have* → *having*, *come* → *coming* ...

See page 233: Spelling rules

Yes/No questions

Are	you they	having a shower?
Is	he she	

Short answers

	I	am.
Yes,	he / she / it	is.
	you / we / they	are.

Wh- questions

What	are	you they	eating?
Where	is	he she	

	I	'm not.
No,	he / she / it	isn't.
	you / we / they	aren't.

Key vocabulary Verbs: come, cook, have (a shower), play (chess), read, sleep, watch (television/a film)

Exercises

1 Look at the pictures and write sentences. Use the present continuous.



Sam



Catherine and Ali



Antonio and Julia



Lucia



Julia




Mike and Tom

- 1 Sam (cook). He (have) a shower.
Sam isn't cooking. He's having a shower.
- 2 Catherine and Ali (watch) television. They (read).
- 3 Antonio and Julia (cook). They (play) chess.
- 4 Lucia (read) a book. She (play) chess.
- 5 Julia (watch) television. She (sleep).
- 6 Mike and Tom (read). They (cook).

2 Answer the questions about the people in exercise 1.

- 1 Is Julia cooking? *No, she isn't.*
- 2 Are Mike and Tom playing chess? _____
- 3 Is Lucia reading? _____
- 4 Are Catherine and Ali watching television? _____
- 5 Are Antonio and Julia cooking? _____
- 6 Is Sam having a shower? _____

3  1.39 Put the conversation in order. Then listen and check.

Lewis

- Me? I'm watching television.
- Hi, Marie. I'm fine.
- Yes, it's excellent. Come and watch it.
- Hello?
- I'm watching a film.

Marie

- What are you watching?
- Hello, Lewis. It's Marie. How are you?
- What are you doing?
- OK. See you in five minutes.
- Is it any good?