

# Grammar reference

## Unit 5

### Present continuous: affirmative and negative

+	I	am	running.
	He/She/It	is	
	We/You/They	are	
-	I	'm not	running.
	He/She/It	isn't	
	We/You/They	aren't	

- We use the present continuous to talk about actions in progress at the time of speaking.  
*We're learning English. I'm reading this book.*
- We form the present continuous with **subject + be (not/n't) + verb + ing**.  
*He's laughing. He isn't crying.*

### Spelling: -ing form

- With most verbs, we add **-ing** to the verb.  
*eat – eating*
- Verbs that end in **-e**, remove the **-e** and add **-ing**.  
*write – writing*
- Verbs that end in a vowel and a consonant, double the final consonant and add **-ing**.  
*stop – stopping*

### 1 Write the -ing form of the verbs.

- |        |                            |         |      |
|--------|----------------------------|---------|------|
| 1 run  | ..... <i>running</i> ..... | 4 play  | .... |
| 2 help | ....                       | 5 write | .... |
| 3 stop | ....                       | 6 swim  | .... |

### 2 Write affirmative and negative sentences in the present continuous.

- He / read / a comic. (✓)  
*He's reading a comic.*
- They / listen / to us. (X)
- Laura / do / her homework. (✓)
- He / work / on this exercise. (X)
- We / go / to our Art class. (✓)
- Joe / eat / his lunch. (X)

### 3 Re-write the sentences in Exercise 2 so they are true for you.

*I'm not reading a comic.*

### Present continuous: questions and short answers

?	(What)	am	I	writing?
		is	he/she/it	
		are	we/you/they	
+	Yes,	I am.		
		he/she/it is.		
		we/you/they are.		
-	No,	I'm not.		
		he/she/it isn't.		
		we/you/they aren't.		

- To form **yes/no** questions, we use **be + -ing**. To give a short answer, we don't use the verb + **-ing**.  
*Are you listening? Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.*
- For **Wh-** questions, we put the question word before **be**.  
*Where are you going? What are you doing?*

### Present simple and present continuous

- We use the present simple to talk about facts, habits and routines.
- We use the present continuous to talk about actions in progress at the time of speaking.  
*I read a lot of comics. At the moment, I'm reading Superman!*
- We use adverbs of frequency with the present simple. We use *at the moment* and *now* with the present continuous.

### 4 Complete the questions and short answers.

- ..... I ..... *helping* .....? (help) (✓) *Yes, you are.*
- ..... he .....? (smile) (✓)
- ..... they .....? (dance) (X)
- ..... she ..... her teeth? (brush) (X)
- ..... they ..... dinner? (have) (✓)

### 5 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous.

- We *go* swimming on Friday. (go)
- I ..... to the football. It's 2-1! (listen)
- When ..... you ..... your friends? (see)
- ..... you ..... French? (understand)
- It ....., but I don't want to go out. (not rain)
- I can't see you! Where ..... you .....? (hide)