

1 Present continuous

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I	'm	studying.
You / We / They	're	
He / She / It	's	

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I	'm not	studying.
You / We / They	aren't	
He / She / It	isn't	

?

Am	I	studying?
Are	you / we / they	
Is	he / she / it	

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Yes,	I am.	No,	I'm not.
	we are.		we aren't.
	she is.		she isn't.

■ Spelling of *-ing* form.

► *like / love / hate* + (verb)-*ing* [GRAMMAR FILE 4](#)

Word order in questions

	Verb <i>be</i>	Subject	<i>-ing</i> form
	Is	he	cleaning the house?
What	are	they	doing?

■ Put the verb *be* before the subject in questions.

2 Simple or continuous?

Present simple	Present continuous
My sister works in a bank.	Today she's working at home.
I always have breakfast at 7.00.	It's 7.00 now. I'm having breakfast.

- Use the present simple for things you do every day / week / year, etc.
- Use the present continuous for things you are doing now.

3 Future plans: (*be*) *going to* ...

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I	'm	going to buy a car.
You (etc.)	're	
He (etc.)	's	

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I	'm not	going to buy a car.
You (etc.)	aren't	
He (etc.)	isn't	

?

Am	I	going to buy a car?
Are	you (etc.)	
Is	he (etc.)	

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Yes,	I am.	No,	I'm not.
	she is.		she isn't.
	we are.		we aren't.

What are you going to do next weekend?
I'm going to (go to) Bucharest next year.

- Use (*be*) *going to* + infinitive for future plans.
- With the verb *go* you don't need to say *go* twice.

4 Future time expressions

We're going to get married	today / tonight. this morning / afternoon / evening. tomorrow (morning, etc.). next week / month / summer / year.
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- Time expressions can go at the beginning or end of a sentence.
- Past time expressions [GRAMMAR FILE 7](#)

5 *it*




What time is it? It's 11.30. It's late.
It's 12th January. It's Friday. It's my birthday.
It's hot today. It rained yesterday.

- Use *it* for times, dates, and weather.

Grammar check 8

1 Present continuous What are they doing? Complete the sentences and questions. Use the verbs.

check in fly (x 2) talk (x 3) cry (x 2) cut

		
<p>1 He's checking in at the airport. Where ² _____ to? ³ _____ to Hawaii.</p>	<p>⁴ _____ on the phone. Who ⁵ _____ to? ⁶ _____ to her bank manager.</p>	<p>⁷ _____ . Why ⁸ _____ ? Because ⁹ _____ onions.</p>

2 Present simple or present continuous?

Choose the correct tense.

- 1 a Do you read _____ this exercise now?
b Are you reading _____
- 2 a They don't watch _____ TV very often.
b They aren't watching _____
- 3 a I don't look _____ for a new job.
b I'm not looking _____
- 4 a What do you wear _____ at work?
b What are you wearing _____

3 a (be) going to ... Complete the sentences.

- 1 I'm going to run a marathon tomorrow.
- 2 We _____ get a microwave.
- 3 _____ you _____ retire soon?
- 4 They _____ come next summer.
- 5 _____ he _____ help you?
- 6 She _____ do her homework tonight.

b Write the questions. Use contractions.

- 1 they going when married to are get ?
When are they going to get married?
- 2 is to what she the going wear wedding to ?

- 3 what you going give to are them ?

- 4 where to they going that go are after ?

4 Future time expressions Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Are you going to study at _____ d
- 2 He's going to South America next _____
- 3 Are we going to the cinema _____
- 4 She isn't going to meet us tomorrow _____
- 5 They aren't going to work in _____

- a the summer.
b evening.
c month.
d the weekend?
e tonight?

5 it Complete with *it + verb be* (past or present).

- 1 A Is it raining?
B No, _____ .
- 2 A _____ very hot last weekend.
B Yes, but _____ going to be cold next week.
- 3 A What's the time?
B _____ a quarter to seven.
A Oh, no! _____ very late. Let's go.