



# ENGLISH

## Chapter 13 Session A

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SECONDARY  
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Present continuous



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## What's happening?

### Get talking!

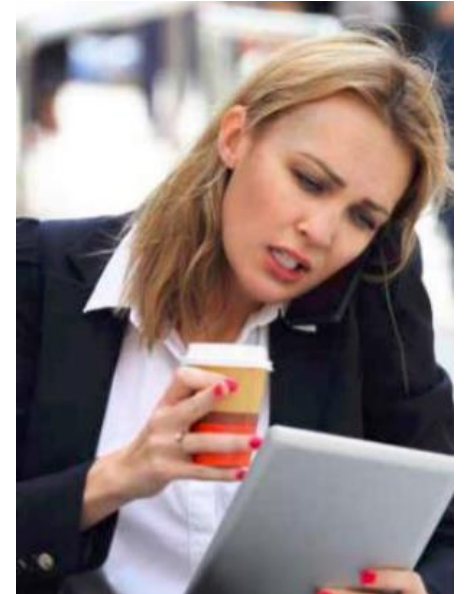


#### 1 Talk about the pictures with a partner.

*What can you see? Where are the people?*

#### 2 Do you work hard?

- ☐ Yes, I do!      ☐ Sometimes.      ☐ No, I prefer to have fun!



# Conversation

## **1** **49 Listen and read.**

**Megan:** Hello, Robert. It's Megan. Are you busy?

**Robert:** Oh hi, Megan. I'm, er ... filling out an application form, actually. I'm applying for a part-time job.

**Megan:** Really? That's great. I'm really pleased you're finally looking for work. Hey, what's that noise?

**Robert:** Er, I'm listening to the radio. It helps me think. Anyway, what are you doing these days?  
How's the job going?

**Megan:** Oh, it's pretty tough, actually. I'm working hard and the hours are long! It's not easy being a hotel receptionist, that's for sure.

**Robert:** I guess not. Well, I need to finish this application.  
It's taking ages.

**Megan:** Maybe I can come over and help you with it. I'm only two blocks away. It's my lunch hour so I'm taking a break.

**Robert:** Oh, right. Well, I'm not sure.

**Megan:** Don't worry. It's no trouble. See you in five minutes!



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# Language box



He's **playing** a game right now.  
He **isn't applying** for a job.  
She's **taking** a break.



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What **are** you **doing** these days?  
I'm **working** in a hotel.  
He's **looking** for a job.



Grammar reference » p.108

# Present continuous

We use the **present continuous** to talk about actions happening now or around now:

- happening now:

*He's listening to the radio.*

- happening around now:

*I'm looking for a job.*

Affirmative	Negative
Subject + <i>be</i> + verb + <i>-ing</i>	Subject + <i>be</i> + not + verb + <i>-ing</i>
<b>I'm listening</b> to the radio.	<b>I'm not listening</b> to the radio.
You/We/They <b>are making</b> dinner.	You/We/They <b>aren't making</b> dinner.
He/She <b>is playing</b> basketball.	He/She <b>isn't playing</b> basketball.

Questions	Short answers
<i>be</i> + subject + verb + <i>-ing</i>	Subject + <i>be</i>
<b>Am</b> I <b>listening</b> to the radio?	Yes, I <b>am</b> . No, I <b>'m not</b> .
<b>Are</b> you/we/they <b>making</b> dinner?	Yes, you/we/they <b>are</b> . No, you/we/they <b>aren't</b> .
<b>Is</b> he/she <b>playing</b> basketball?	Yes, he/she <b>is</b> . No, he/she <b>isn't</b> .

• ***I'm = I am***



## Spelling

We usually add *-ing* to the verb:

do – **doing**

work – **working**

For verbs ending in *-e*, remove the *-e* and add *-ing*:

make**e** – making

live**e** – living

For verbs of one syllable ending in a short vowel + consonant, double the consonant:

get – get**tt**ing

sit – sit**tt**ing

- Some verbs aren't normally used in the present continuous, for example, *like, want, need, know, love, remember, mean, understand*.

**1**

**Complete the conversations using the present continuous of the verbs in parentheses.**

A: I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not / sleep) well these days.

B: Oh dear. I'm sorry.

A: <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / listen) to me?

B: Pardon?

A: Why <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (they / not / play) soccer?

B: Because they <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for an exam.

A: Simon <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (make) dinner.

B: Great! What <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (he / cook)?

A: What <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do)?

B: I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a movie on TV.

A: What <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (James / do) these days?

B: I think he <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a convenience store.

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**Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.**

days? / Simon / these / doing / What's  
*What's Simon doing these days?*

- 1 a / We / on / watching / movie / are / TV
- 2 studying / subjects / you / at / What / school? / are
- 3 coffee / is / cup / making / John / a / of
- 4 in / is / room / studying / his / Paul
- 5 is / week / New York / sister / working / My / in / this
- 6 Abigail / homework? / doing / Is / her

**3**

**Make questions using the present continuous.  
Then write the answers using the words in  
parentheses.**

Anna / do the laundry? (do the dishes)

*Is Anna doing the laundry?*

*No, she isn't. She's doing the dishes.*

- 1 Daniel / do the laundry? (do the ironing)
- 2 Sam and Jane / make a cake? (make a cup of coffee)
- 3 Joanne / make dinner? (do the laundry)
- 4 you / do homework? (write a letter)
- 5 Sue / play tennis? (play golf)
- 6 they / watch TV? (listen to music)



## Challenge!

Work with a partner.

Look at the sentences in exercises 1, 2 and 3.

Which sentences are talking about *now* and which are talking about *around now*?

# Vocabulary

**1**

**Write *make* or *do* next to each activity.  
Then match each activity with a picture.**

1 make a cup of coffee

2 \_\_\_\_\_ the laundry

3 \_\_\_\_\_ the dishes

4 \_\_\_\_\_ a cake

5 \_\_\_\_\_ the ironing

6 \_\_\_\_\_ the cleaning

7 \_\_\_\_\_ the bed

8 \_\_\_\_\_ dinner





**2**

**Ask and answer questions with a partner.**

A: *What's he doing?*

B: *He's making a cup of coffee.*