

# 8

## 8A present continuous: *be* + verb + *-ing*

3 33 ))) Listen and repeat. Then read the rules.

present continuous ☐ and ☐

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I'm working</b> today.	<b>I'm not working</b> today.
<b>You're sitting</b> in my chair.	<b>You aren't sitting</b> in my chair.
<b>He's playing</b> soccer.	<b>He isn't playing</b> soccer.
<b>It's raining.</b>	<b>It isn't raining.</b>
<b>We're having</b> dinner.	<b>We aren't having</b> dinner.
<b>They're listening</b> to the radio.	<b>They aren't listening</b> to the radio.

- Word order:
  - ☐ Subject, *be*, verb + *-ing*  
**You are working** today.
  - ☐ *Be*, subject, verb + *-ing*  
**Are you working** today?
  - ☐ Question, *be*, subject, verb + *-ing*  
**Where are you working** today?
- Use *be* + verb + *-ing* to talk about things that are happening now / at the moment.  
*Look! It's raining. NOT Look! It rains.*

present continuous ☐, ☒, and ☐

Question	Be	Subject	Verb + <i>-ing</i>	
	<b>Are</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>working</b> today?	Yes, <b>I am.</b> / No, <b>I'm not.</b>
	<b>Is</b>	<b>she</b>	<b>sitting</b> in my chair?	Yes, <b>she is.</b> / No, <b>she isn't.</b>
	<b>Are</b>	<b>they</b>	<b>listening</b> to the radio?	Yes, <b>they are.</b> / No, <b>they aren't.</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>are</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>sitting?</b>	At a table near the window.
<b>What</b>	<b>is</b>	<b>he</b>	<b>doing?</b>	<b>He's watching</b> TV at home.

### Spelling rules: verb + *-ing*

Base form	Verb + <i>-ing</i>	Spelling
read study see	reading studying seeing	add <i>-ing</i>
drive have take	driving having taking	<del>e</del> + <i>-ing</i>
swim get	swimming getting	one vowel + one consonant = double consonant + <i>-ing</i>