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LANGUAGE FOCUS • Present continuous: affirmative and negative

I can talk about things happening now.

- 1 Complete the examples from the text on page 50. Then choose the correct words in Rules 1–3.

- 1 These students studying.
- 2 The boat moving.
- 3 Her students at home and the lessons on television.
- 4 I'm the dancers.

RULES

- 1 The present continuous talks about things happening now / a routine.
- 2 We form the present continuous with the verb *be / do*.
- 3 We add *-s / -ing* to the main verb.



- 2 What are the present continuous forms of verbs 1–5? Read the Spelling Rules and match the verbs to Rules 1–3.

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| 1 wear | 4 dance |
| 2 have | 5 sit |
| 3 do | |

SPELLING RULES

- 1 Most verbs: + *-ing*
study → *studying*
eat → *eating*
play → *playing*
- 2 Verbs ending in *e*: remove *e* + *-ing*
move → *moving*
take → *taking*
practise → *practising*
- 3 Verbs ending in vowel + consonant: double final consonant + *-ing*
chat → *chatting*
plan → *planning*
stop → *stopping*

- 3 1.42 Listen to the sounds. Match the people in column A with the actions in column B. Then write sentences using the present continuous. A young child is speaking to his mother.

- | A | B |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 A young child | a. (watch) TV. |
| 2 Two women | b. (have) dinner. |
| 3 Two men | c. (run) in the park. |
| 4 A girl | d. (speak) to his mother. |
| 5 A boy | e. (look) for a mosquito. |
| 6 A man | f. (play) a musical instrument. |

- 4 Find six differences between the pictures. Write three affirmative and three negative sentences about picture B. Use the present continuous.



- 5 **USE IT!** Work in pairs. Invent three mini-dialogues with the situations in the box or your own ideas. Which dialogue is the best?

come to my house / have lunch with ... /
 teach me to ...
 go to the cinema / chat with ... / talk about ...
 go shopping / visit ... / show me ...
 ... ? / ... ? / ... ?

Do you want to **come to my house?**

Oh, sorry, I can't at the moment.
 I'm **having lunch with Taylor Swift** and
 she's **teaching me to sing**.

Finished?

Write affirmative and negative sentences using the present continuous about you and other people in the class.