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## LANGUAGE FOCUS • Present continuous: affirmative and negative

I can describe what's happening in a picture.

- 1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Check your answers in the text on page 22. Then choose the correct words in the Rules.

are becoming    aren't speaking  
is sending    isn't using

- 1 Anna ..... Lucy an instant message.
- 2 Anna ..... real words.
- 3 They ..... a truly international language.
- 4 We ..... face-to-face.

- 2 Read the Study Strategy. Then write the *-ing* form of the verbs. Check your answers in the text on page 22.

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| 1 become ..... | 4 speak ..... |
| 2 use .....    | 5 sit .....   |
| 3 send .....   | 6 write ..... |

## STUDY STRATEGY

## Finding spelling rules

Sometimes the final letter of a verb can show you how to spell the continuous form.

- Look at verbs that end in *-e*. Do you keep or delete the *-e* before you add *-ing*?
- Look at verbs that end in a short vowel and then a consonant. What letter is added before *-ing*?

- 3 Look at picture A. Complete sentences 1–5 using affirmative and negative forms of the present continuous.

- 1 A man, a woman and a dog ..... (sit) in a boat.
- 2 The man ..... (have) a conversation.
- 3 The woman ..... (listen).
- 4 She ..... (sleep).
- 5 The dog ..... (point) to a sign.



## RULES

- 1 We use the present continuous to talk about things happening now / habits.
- 2 We make the present continuous with the verb *do / be* and the *-ing / base* form of a verb.
- 3 We don't usually use some verbs in the present continuous. Two of these are *be / live* and *make / have* (possession).

## 4 1.17 PRONUNCIATION Sentence stress

When we speak, we often put stress on content words. Content words carry important information.

LINDA is DANCING.

PETER is READING a STORY.

We don't put stress on structure words. Structure words make a sentence grammatically correct. For example, *am - is - are* are structure words in the present continuous tense.

Read and highlight the words we put stress on. Then listen and check.

- 1 They aren't having a fantastic holiday!
- 2 The man is helping the dog.
- 3 The dog is swimming.
- 4 The woman isn't sleeping.
- 5 The man is speaking on the phone.



- 5 USE IT! Look at picture B. Read the sentences from exercise 4. Say if the sentences are True or False.

## Finished?

Find another picture in this book and describe it to your partner.