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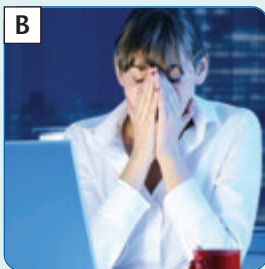
## Present continuous

**A** *What are you doing at the moment? Are you studying?*




*No, I'm not. I'm listening to music.*

**B**



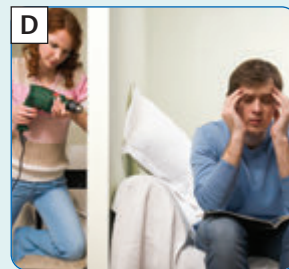
*Sue is working very hard these days.*

**C**



*She is travelling to Rome in an hour.*

**D**



*You're always making noise late at night!*

<b>Affirmative</b>	I'm reading, He's/She's/It's reading, We're/You're/They're reading.		
<b>Negative</b>	I'm not reading, He/She/It isn't reading, We/You/They aren't reading.		
<b>Interrogative</b>	Am I reading?, Is he/she/it reading?, Are we/you/they reading?		
<b>Short Answers</b>	Yes, I am.	Yes, he/she/it is.	Yes, we/you/they are.
	No, I'm not.	No, he/she/it isn't.	No, we/you/they aren't.

### Spelling

- Most verbs add **-ing** to the base form of the main verb.  
*talk – talking, watch – watching, look – looking*
- Verbs ending in **-e**, drop the **-e** and add **-ing**.  
*ride – riding, make – making*
- Verbs ending in a **vowel and a consonant**, double the consonant and add **-ing**.  
*swim – swimming, get – getting*
- Verbs ending in **-ie**, change the **-ie** to **-y** and add **-ing**. *lie – lying*
- Verbs ending in **-l**, double the **-l** and add **-ing**.  
*travel – travelling*

**Time words/phrases** used with the **present continuous**: *now, at the moment, at present, these days, tomorrow, tonight, next week, etc*

### Use

We use the **present continuous**:

- for actions happening **now, at the moment of speaking**, or actions happening **around the time of speaking**. (**temporary situations**)  
*He is reading a book now.* (action happening now).  
*She is practising for a concert these days.* (around the time of speaking).
- for **fixed arrangements** in the near future.  
*He is meeting his friends at the cinema.* (He has to be at the cinema in an hour.)
- with **always** to express our **annoyance** at actions happening too often.  
*You're always leaving your clothes on the floor.*

**15** Look at the pictures (A-D). Underline all the verbs. What tense is this?

a) How do we form the affirmative, negative and interrogative of this tense?

b) Which of the uses of the tense does each verb show?

**16** Add **-ing** to the verbs below and put them in the correct box.

- talk • bake • die • quarrel • type • shake • run • try
- hope • forget • tie • write • cook • stop • sleep • have

<b>+ing</b>	<i>talking,</i> .....
<b>-e → ing</b>	<i>baking,</i> .....
<b>-ie → y + ing</b>	<i>dying,</i> .....
<b>double consonant + ing</b>	<i>quarrelling,</i> .....