

I am doing (present continuous)

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She's **eating**.
She **isn't** reading.



It's **raining**.
The sun **isn't** shining.



They're **running**.
They **aren't** walking.

The present continuous is:
am/is/are + doing/eating/running/writing etc.

I	am	(not)	-ing	I'm working .	
he	}	is	(not)	-ing	Chris is writing a letter.
she					She isn't eating. (or She's not eating.)
it					The phone is ringing.
we	}	are	(not)	-ing	We're having dinner.
you					You're not listening to me. (or You aren't ...)
they					The children are doing their homework.

B **am/is/are + -ing** = something is happening *now*:

I'm **working**
she's **wearing** a hat
they're **playing** football
I'm **not watching** television

past ————— NOW ————— future

- Please be quiet. I'm **working**. (= I'm working now)
- Look at Sue! She's **wearing** her new hat. (= she is wearing it now)
- The weather is nice at the moment. It's **not raining**.
- 'Where are the children?' 'They're **playing** in the park.'
- (on the phone) We're **having** dinner now. Can you phone again later?
- You can turn off the television. I'm **not watching** it.

Spelling (⇒ Appendix 5):

come → **coming** write → **writing** dance → **dancing**
run → **running** sit → **sitting** swim → **swimming**
lie → **lying**

am/is/are ⇒ **UNIT 1** are you doing? (questions) ⇒ **UNIT 4** I am doing and I do ⇒ **UNIT 8**

What are you doing tomorrow? ⇒ **UNIT 26**

