

I am doing (present continuous)



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
he she it	is (not)	
we you they	are (not)	

- I'm working. I'm not watching TV.
- Maria **is reading** a newspaper.
- She **isn't eating**. (or She's not eating.)
- The phone **is ringing**.
- We're **having** dinner.
- You're **not listening** to me. (or You aren't listening ...)
- 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, there's Sarah. She's wearing a brown coat. (= she is wearing it now)
- The weather is nice. It's not raining.
- 'Where are the children?' 'They're playing in the park.'
- (on the phone) We're having dinner now. Can I phone you 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

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are you doing? (present continuous questions)

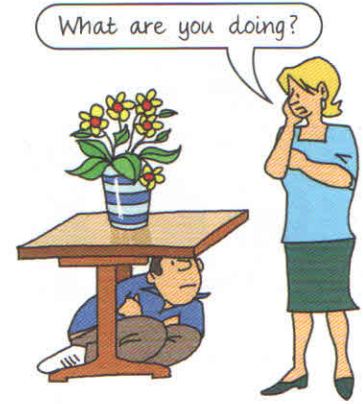
A

positive

I	am	doing working going staying etc.
he she it	is	
we you they	are	

question

am	I	doing? working? going? staying? etc.
is	he she it	
are	we you they	



- 'Are you feeling OK?' 'Yes, I'm fine, thanks.'
- 'Is it raining?' 'Yes, take an umbrella.'
- Why are you wearing a coat? It's not cold.
- 'What's Paul doing?' 'He's reading the newspaper.'
- 'What are the children doing?' 'They're watching television.'
- Look, there's Emily! Where's she going?
- Who are you waiting for? Are you waiting for Sue?

B

Study the word order:

is/are + *subject* + **-ing**

	Is	he	working today?
Where	Is	Paul	working today? (<i>not</i> Is working Paul today?)
Where	are	they	going?
Where	are	those people	going? (<i>not</i> Where are going those people?)







C

Short answers

Yes,	I	am.	No,	I'm	not.	or	No,	he	isn't.
	he she it	is.		he's she's it's				she it	
	we you they	are.		we're you're they're				we you they		aren't.







- 'Are you going now?' 'Yes, I am.'
- 'Is Paul working today?' 'Yes, he is.'
- 'Is it raining?' 'No, it isn't.'
- 'Are your friends staying at a hotel?' 'No, they aren't. They're staying with me.'

4.1 Look at the pictures and write the questions.

<p>1 (you / watch / it?) <i>Are you watching it?</i></p>  <p>No, you can turn it off.</p>	<p>2 (you / go / now?)</p>  <p>Yes, see you tomorrow.</p>	<p>3 (it / rain?)</p>  <p>No, not at the moment.</p>
<p>4 (you / enjoy / the film?)</p>  <p>Yes, it's very funny.</p>	<p>5 (that clock / work?)</p>  <p>No, it's broken.</p>	<p>6 (you / wait / for a bus?)</p>  <p>No, for a taxi.</p>

4.2 Look at the pictures and complete the questions. Use:

cry eat go laugh look at read

<p>1 What <i>are you reading</i> ?</p> 	<p>2 Where she ?</p> 	<p>3 What ?</p> 
<p>4 Why ?</p> 	<p>5 What ?</p> 	<p>6 Why ?</p> 

4.3 Make questions from these words. Put the words in the right order.

- (is / working / Paul / today) *Is Paul working today* ?
- (what / the children / are / doing) *What are the children doing* ?
- (you / are / listening / to me) ?
- (where / your friends / are / going) ?
- (are / watching / your parents / television) ?
- (what / Jessica / is / cooking) ?
- (why / you / are / looking / at me) ?
- (is / coming / the bus) ?

4.4 Write short answers (Yes, I am. / No, he isn't. etc.).

- Are you watching TV? *No, I'm not.*
- Are you wearing a watch?
- Are you eating something?
- Is it raining?
- Are you sitting on the floor?
- Are you feeling well?

I do/work/like etc. (present simple)

A



They're looking at their books.
They **read** a lot.



He's eating an ice-cream.
He **likes** ice-cream.

They **read** / he **likes** / I **work** etc. = the *present simple*:

I/we/you/they	read	like	work	live	watch	do	have
he/she/it	reads	likes	works	lives	watches	does	has

Remember:

he works / **she** lives / **it** rains etc.

- **I work** in a shop. **My brother works** in a bank. (*not* My brother work)
- **Lucy lives** in London. **Her parents live** in Scotland.
- **It rains** a lot in winter.

I have → he/she/it **has**:

- **John has** a shower every day.

Spelling (→ Appendix 5):

- es after -s / -sh / -ch: pass → passes finish → finishes watch → watches
- y → -ies: study → studies try → tries
- also: do → does go → goes

B

We use the present simple for things that are true in general, or for things that happen sometimes or all the time:

- I **like** big cities.
- Your English is good. You **speak** very well.
- Tim **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7.30 and **finishes** at 8 o'clock in the evening.
- The earth **goes** round the sun.
- We **do** a lot of different things in our free time.
- It **costs** a lot of money to build a hospital.

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always/never/often/usually/sometimes + present simple

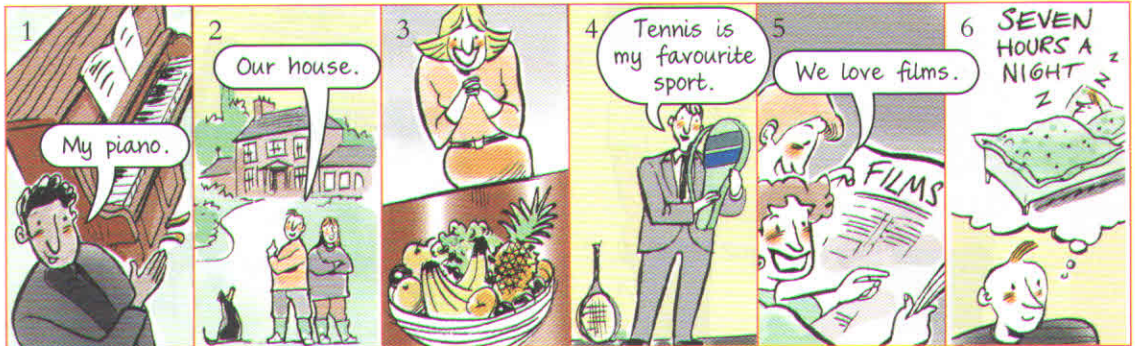
- Sue **always gets** to work early. (*not* Sue gets always)
- I **never eat** breakfast. (*not* I eat never)
- We **often go** away at weekends.
- Mark **usually plays** football on Sundays.
- I **sometimes walk** to work, but not very often.

5.1 Write these verbs with -s or -es.

- 1 (read) she reads 3 (fly) it 5 (have) she
- 2 (think) he 4 (dance) he 6 (finish) it

5.2 Complete the sentences about the people in the pictures. Use:

eat go live play play sleep



- 1 He plays the piano. 4 tennis.
- 2 They in a very big house. 5 to the cinema a lot.
- 3 a lot of fruit. 6 seven hours a night.

5.3 Complete the sentences. Use:

boil close cost cost like like meet open ~~speaks~~ teach wash

- 1 Maria speaks four languages.
- 2 The shops in the city centre usually at 9 o'clock in the morning.
- 3 The City Museum at 5 o'clock in the evening.
- 4 Tina is a teacher. She mathematics to young children.
- 5 My job is very interesting. I a lot of people.
- 6 Peter's car is always dirty. He never it.
- 7 Food is expensive. It a lot of money.
- 8 Shoes are expensive. They a lot of money.
- 9 Water at 100 degrees Celsius.
- 10 Julia and I are good friends. I her and she me.

5.4 Write sentences from these words. Use the right form of the verb (arrive or arrives etc.).

- 1 (always / early / Sue / arrive) Sue always arrives early.
- 2 (to the cinema / never / I / go) I
- 3 (work / Martina / hard / always)
- 4 (like / chocolate / children / usually)
- 5 (Julia / parties / enjoy / always)
- 6 (often / people's names / I / forget)
- 7 (television / Tim / watch / never)
- 8 (usually / dinner / we / have / at 7.30)
- 9 (Jenny / always / nice clothes / wear)

5.5 Write sentences about yourself. Use always/never/often/usually/sometimes.

- 1 (watch TV in the evening) I usually watch TV in the evening.
- 2 (read in bed) I
- 3 (get up before 7 o'clock)
- 4 (go to work/school by bus)
- 5 (drink coffee in the morning)

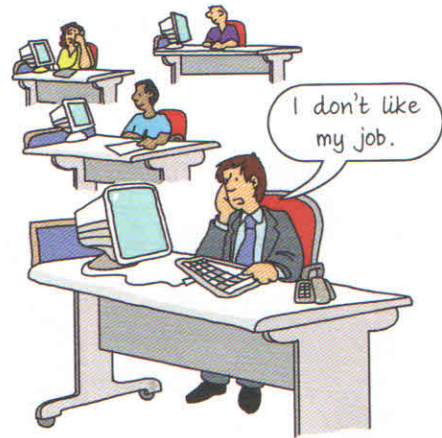
I don't ... (present simple negative)

A

The present simple negative is **don't/doesn't** + *verb*:



She **doesn't drink** coffee.



He **doesn't like** his job.

positive

I we you they	work like do have
he she it	works likes does has

negative

I we you they	don't (do not)	work like do have
he she it	doesn't (does not)	

- I **drink** coffee, but I **don't drink** tea.
- Sue **drinks** tea, but she **doesn't drink** coffee.
- You **don't work** very hard.
- We **don't watch** television very often.
- The weather is usually nice. It **doesn't rain** very often.
- Gary and Nicole **don't know** many people.

B

Remember:

- I/we/you/they **don't** ... I **don't** like football.
- he/she/it **doesn't** ... **He doesn't** like football.

- I **don't** like Fred and **Fred doesn't** like me. (*not* Fred don't like)
- My car doesn't** use much petrol. (*not* My car don't use)
- Sometimes he is late, but **it doesn't** happen very often.

C

We use **don't/doesn't** + *infinitive* (don't **like** / doesn't **speak** / doesn't **do** etc.):

- I **don't like** washing the car. I **don't do** it very often.
- Sarah **speaks** Spanish, but she **doesn't speak** Italian. (*not* doesn't speaks)
- Bill **doesn't do** his job very well. (*not* Bill doesn't his job)
- Paula **doesn't** usually **have** breakfast. (*not* doesn't ... has)

6.1 Write the negative.

- I play the piano very well. I don't play the piano very well.
- Jane plays the piano very well. Jane
- They know my phone number. They
- We work very hard.
- He has a bath every day.
- You do the same thing every day.

6.2 Study the information and write sentences with like.



1 classical music?	yes	no	?
2 boxing?	no	yes	?
3 horror films?	yes	no	?

- Ben and Sophie like classical music.
Kate
I classical music.
- Ben and Sophie
Kate
I
-
.....
.....

6.3 Write about yourself. Use:

I never ... or I often ... or I don't ... very often.

- (watch TV) I don't watch TV very often. or I never watch TV. or I often watch TV.
- (go to the theatre)
- (ride a bicycle)
- (eat in restaurants)
- (travel by train)

6.4 Complete the sentences. All of them are negative. Use don't/doesn't + these verbs:

cost go know read see use wear

- I buy a newspaper every day, but sometimes I don't read it.
- Paul has a car, but he it very often.
- Paul and his friends like films, but they to the cinema very often.
- Amanda is married, but she a ring.
- I much about politics. I'm not interested in it.
- The Regent Hotel isn't expensive. It much to stay there.
- Brian lives very near us, but we him very often.

6.5 Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.

- Margaret speaks four languages – English, French, German and Spanish. (speak)
- I don't like my job. It's very boring. (like)
- 'Where's Martin?' 'I'm sorry. I ? (know)
- Sue is a very quiet person. She very much. (talk)
- Andy a lot of tea. It's his favourite drink. (drink)
- It's not true! I it! (believe)
- That's a very beautiful picture. I it very much. (like)
- Mark is a vegetarian. He meat. (eat)

Do you ... ? (present simple questions)

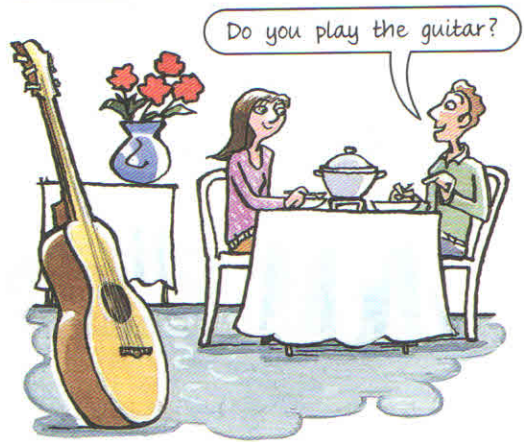
A We use **do/does** in present simple questions:

positive

I	work
we	like
you	do
they	have
he	works
she	likes
it	does
	has

question

do	I we you they	work? like? do? have?
does	he she it	



B Study the word order:

do/does + *subject* + *infinitive*

Where	Do	you	work	on Sundays?
How often	Do	your friends	live	near here?
What	Does	Chris	play	tennis?
How much	do	your parents	live?	
	do	you	wash	your hair?
	does	this word	mean?	
	does	it	cost	to fly to Rome?

Questions with **always/usually/often**:

	Do	you	always	have	breakfast?
	Does	Chris	often	phone	you?
What	do	you	usually	do	at weekends?

What do you do? = What's your job?

'What do you do?' 'I work in a bank.'

C Remember:

do I/we/you/they ...
does he/she/it ...

- Do they** like music?
- Does he** like music?

D *Short answers*

Yes,	I/we/you/they do .
	he/she/it does .

No,	I/we/you/they don't .
	he/she/it doesn't .

- 'Do you play tennis?'** **'No, I don't.'**
- 'Do your parents speak English?'** **'Yes, they do.'**
- 'Does Gary work hard?'** **'Yes, he does.'**
- 'Does your sister live in London?'** **'No, she doesn't.'**

7.1 Write questions with Do ... ? and Does ... ?

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|--|------------------------------------|---|
| 1 I like chocolate. How about you? | <u>Do you like chocolate</u> | ? |
| 2 I play tennis. How about you? | you | ? |
| 3 You live near here. How about Lucy? | Lucy | ? |
| 4 Tom plays tennis. How about his friends? | ..... | ? |
| 5 You speak English. How about your brother? | ..... | ? |
| 6 I do yoga every morning. How about you? | ..... | ? |
| 7 Sue often goes away. How about Paul? | ..... | ? |
| 8 I want to be famous. How about you? | ..... | ? |
| 9 You work hard. How about Anna? | ..... | ? |

7.2 Make questions from these words + do/does. Put the words in the right order.

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|--|---|---|
| 1 (where / live / your parents) | <u>Where do your parents live</u> | ? |
| 2 (you / early / always / get up) | <u>Do you always get up early</u> | ? |
| 3 (how often / TV / you / watch) | ..... | ? |
| 4 (you / want / what / for dinner) | ..... | ? |
| 5 (like / you / football) | ..... | ? |
| 6 (your brother / like / football) | ..... | ? |
| 7 (what / you / do / in your free time) | ..... | ? |
| 8 (your sister / work / where) | ..... | ? |
| 9 (to the cinema / often / you / go) | ..... | ? |
| 10 (what / mean / this word) | ..... | ? |
| 11 (often / snow / it / here) | ..... | ? |
| 12 (go / usually / to bed / what time / you) | ..... | ? |
| 13 (how much / to phone New York / it / cost) | ..... | ? |
| 14 (you / for breakfast / have / usually / what) | ..... | ? |

7.3 Complete the questions. Use these verbs:



~~do~~ do enjoy go like start teach work



- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | What <u>do you do</u> ? |
| 2 | it? |
| 3 | What time in the morning? |
| 4 | on Saturdays? |
| 5 | How to work? |
| 6 | And your husband. What ? |
| 7 | What ? |
| 8 | his job? |

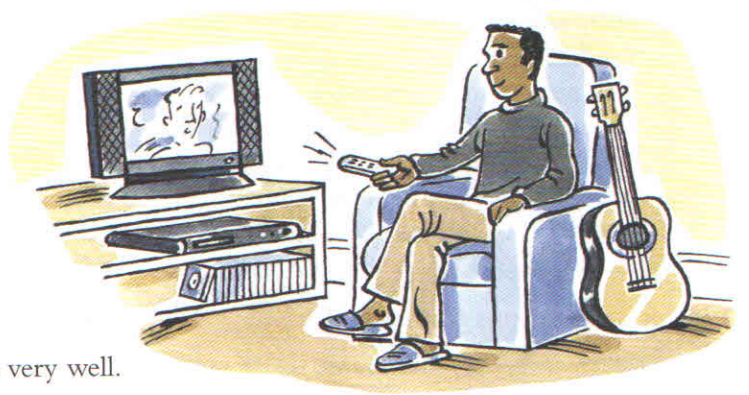
- I work in a bookshop.
 It's OK.
 At 9 o'clock.
 Sometimes.
 Usually by bus.
 He's a teacher.
 Science.
 Yes, he loves it.

7.4 Write short answers (Yes, he does. / No, I don't. etc.).

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Do you watch TV a lot? | <u>No, I don't.</u> or <u>Yes, I do.</u> |
| 2 Do you live in a big city? | ..... |
| 3 Do you often ride a bicycle? | ..... |
| 4 Does it rain a lot where you live? | ..... |
| 5 Do you play the piano? | ..... |

I am doing (present continuous) and I do (present simple)

A



Jack is watching television.
He is *not* playing the guitar.

But Jack has a guitar.
He often plays it and he plays very well.

Jack **plays** the guitar,
but he **is not playing** the guitar now.

Is he playing the guitar? **No, he isn't.** (*present continuous*)
Does he play the guitar? **Yes, he does.** (*present simple*)

B

Present continuous (I am doing) = now, at the time of speaking:

I'm doing

past

now

future

- Please be quiet. **I'm working.** (*not I work*)
- Tom **is having** a shower at the moment. (*not Tom has*)
- Take an umbrella with you. **It's raining.**
- You can turn off the television. **I'm not watching** it.
- Why are you under the table? What **are** you **doing**?

C

Present simple (I do) = in general, all the time or sometimes:

I do

past

now

future

- I work** every day from 9 o'clock to 5.30.
- Tom **has** a shower every morning.
- It **rains** a lot in winter.
- I **don't watch** television very often.
- What **do** you usually **do** at the weekend?

D

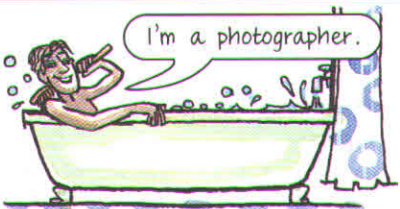
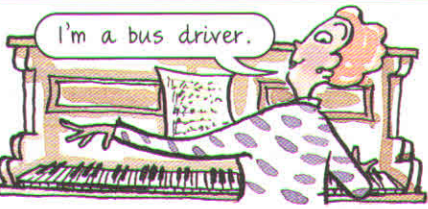

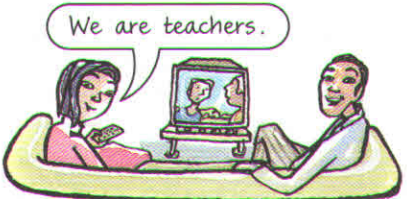
We do *not* use these verbs in the present continuous (**I am -ing**):

like	love	want	know	understand	remember	depend
prefer	hate	need	mean	believe	forget	

Use only the present simple with these verbs (**I want / do you like?** etc.):

- I'm tired. **I want** to go home. (*not I'm wanting*)
- '**Do you know** that girl?' 'Yes, but I **don't remember** her name.'
- I **don't understand**. What **do** you **mean**?

8.1 Answer the questions about the pictures.

<p>1 </p> <p>Does he take photographs? <i>Yes, he does.</i> Is he taking a photograph? <i>No, he isn't.</i> What is he doing? <i>He's having a bath.</i></p>	<p>2 </p> <p>Is she driving a bus? Does she drive a bus? What is she doing? </p>
<p>3 </p> <p>Does he clean windows? Is he cleaning a window? What is he doing? </p>	<p>4 </p> <p>Are they teaching? Do they teach? What do they do? </p>

8.2 Complete the sentences with am/is/are or do/don't/does/doesn't.

- Excuse me, *do* you speak English?
- 'Where's Kate?' 'I know.'
- What's funny? Why you laughing?
- 'What your sister do?' 'She's a dentist.'
- It raining. I want to go out in the rain.
- 'Where you come from?' 'Canada.'
- How much it cost to send a letter to Canada?
- Steve is a good tennis player, but he play very often.

8.3 Put the verb in the present continuous (I am doing) or the present simple (I do).

- Excuse me, *do you speak* (you/speak) English?
- 'Where's Tom?' ' *He's having* (he/have) a shower.'
- I don't watch* (I/not/watch) television very often.
- Listen! Somebody (sing).
- Sandra is tired. (she/want) to go home now.
- How often (you/read) a newspaper?
- 'Excuse me, but (you/sit) in my place.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
- I'm sorry, (I/not/understand). Can you speak more slowly?
- It's late. (I/go) home now.
(you/come) with me?
- What time (your father / finish) work every day?
- You can turn off the radio. (I/not/listen) to it.
- 'Where's Paul?' 'In the kitchen. (he/cook) something.'
- Martin (not/usually/drive) to work. He
..... (usually/walk).
- Sue (not/like) coffee. (she/prefer) tea.

Key to Exercises

UNIT 1

1

- they're
- it isn't / it's not
- that's
- I'm not
- you aren't / you're not

1.2

- 'm/am 6 are
- is 7 is ... are
- are 8 'm/am ... is
- 's/is

1.3

- I'm / I am
- He's / He is
- they're / they are
- It's / It is
- You're / You are
- She's / She is
- Here's / Here is

1.4

Example answers:

- My name is Robert.
- I'm from Australia.
- I'm 25.
- I'm a gardener.
- My favourite colours are black and white.
- I'm interested in plants.

1.5

- They're / They are cold.
- He's / He is hot.
- He's / He is afraid.
- They're / They are hungry.
- She's / She is angry.

1.6

- It's/It is windy today. *or*
It isn't/It's not windy today.
- My hands are cold. *or*
My hands aren't/are not cold.
- Brazil is a very big country.
- Diamonds aren't/are not cheap.
- Toronto isn't/is not in the US.
- I'm/I am hungry. *or*
I'm not/I am not hungry.

- I'm/I am a good swimmer. *or*
I'm not/I am not a good swimmer.
- I'm/I am interested in football. *or*
I'm not/I am not interested in football.

UNIT 2

2.1

- | | |
|-----|-----|
| 2 F | 6 E |
| 3 H | 7 B |
| 4 C | 8 I |
| 5 A | 9 D |

2.2

- Is your job interesting?
- Are the shops open today?
- Where are you from?
- Are you interested in sport?
- Is the post office near here?
- Are your children at school?
- Why are you late?

2.3

- Where's / Where is
- How old are
- How much are
- What's / What is
- Who's / Who is
- What colour are

2.4

- Are you American?
- How old are you?
- Are you a teacher?
- Are you married?
- Is your wife a lawyer?
- Where's/Where is she from?
- What's/What is her name?
- How old is she?

2.5

- Yes, I am. *or* No, I'm not.
- Yes, it is. *or*
No, it isn't. / No, it's not.
- Yes, they are. *or*
No, they aren't. / No, they're not.
- Yes, it is. *or*
No, it isn't. / No, it's not.
- Yes, I am. *or* No, I'm not.

UNIT 3

3.1

- 's/is waiting
- 're/are playing
- He's/He is lying
- They're/They are having
- She's/She is sitting

3.2

- 's/is cooking
- 're/are standing
- 's/is swimming
- 're/are staying
- 's/is having
- 're/are building
- 'm/am going

3.3

- She's/She is sitting on the floor.
- She isn't/She's not reading a book.
- She isn't/She's not playing the piano.
- She's/She is laughing.
- She's/She is wearing a hat.
- She isn't/She's not writing a letter.

3.4

- I'm sitting on a chair. *or*
I'm not sitting on a chair.
- I'm eating. *or*
I'm not eating.
- It's raining. *or*
It isn't raining. / It's not raining.
- I'm learning English.
- I'm listening to music. *or*
I'm not listening to music.
- The sun is shining. *or*
The sun isn't shining.
- I'm wearing shoes. *or*
I'm not wearing shoes.
- I'm not reading a newspaper.

UNIT 4

4.1

- Are you going now?
- Is it raining?
- Are you enjoying the film?
- Is that clock working?
- Are you waiting for a bus?

4.2

- 2 Where is she going?
- 3 What are you eating?
- 4 Why are you crying?
- 5 What are they looking at?
- 6 Why is he laughing?

4.3

- 3 Are you listening to me?
- 4 Where are your friends going?
- 5 Are your parents watching television?
- 6 What is Jessica cooking?
- 7 Why are you looking at me?
- 8 Is the bus coming?

4.4

- 2 Yes, I am. *or* No, I'm not.
- 3 Yes, I am. *or* No, I'm not.
- 4 Yes, it is. *or* No, it isn't. / No, it's not.
- 5 Yes, I am. *or* No, I'm not.
- 6 Yes, I am. *or* No, I'm not.

UNIT 5

5.1

- 2 thinks 5 has
- 3 flies 6 finishes
- 4 dances

5.2

- 2 live 5 They go
- 3 She eats 6 He sleeps
- 4 He plays

5.3

- 2 open 7 costs
- 3 closes 8 cost
- 4 teaches 9 boils
- 5 meet 10 like ... likes
- 6 washes

5.4

- 2 I never go to the cinema.
- 3 Martina always works hard.
- 4 Children usually like chocolate.
- 5 Julia always enjoys parties.
- 6 I often forget people's names.
- 7 Tim never watches television.
- 8 We usually have dinner at 7.30.
- 9 Jenny always wears nice clothes.

5.5

Example answers:

- 2 I sometimes read in bed.
- 3 I often get up before 7 o'clock.
- 4 I never go to work by bus.
- 5 I usually drink two cups of coffee in the morning.

UNIT 6

6.1

- 2 Jane doesn't play the piano very well.
- 3 They don't know my phone number.
- 4 We don't work very hard.
- 5 He doesn't have a bath every day.
- 6 You don't do the same thing every day.

6.2

- 2 Kate doesn't like classical music.
I like (*or* I don't like) classical music.
- 3 Ben and Sophie don't like boxing.
Kate likes boxing.
I like (*or* I don't like) boxing.
- 4 Ben and Sophie like horror films.
Kate doesn't like horror films.
I like (*or* I don't like) horror films.

6.3

Example answers:

- 2 I never go to the theatre.
- 3 I don't ride a bicycle very often.
- 4 I never eat in restaurants.
- 5 I often travel by train.

6.4

- 2 doesn't use
- 3 don't go
- 4 doesn't wear
- 5 don't know
- 6 doesn't cost
- 7 don't see

6.5

- 3 don't know
- 4 doesn't talk
- 5 drinks
- 6 don't believe
- 7 like
- 8 doesn't eat

UNIT 7

7.1

- 2 Do you play tennis?
- 3 Does Lucy live near here?
- 4 Do Tom's friends play tennis? / Do they play tennis?
- 5 Does your brother speak English? / Does he speak English?
- 6 Do you do yoga every morning?
- 7 Does Paul often go away? / Does he often go away?
- 8 Do you want to be famous?
- 9 Does Anna work hard? / Does she work hard?

7.2

- 3 How often do you watch TV?
- 4 What do you want for dinner?
- 5 Do you like football?
- 6 Does your brother like football?
- 7 What do you do in your free time?
- 8 Where does your sister work?
- 9 Do you often go to the cinema?
- 10 What does this word mean?
- 11 Does it often snow here?
- 12 What time do you usually go to bed?
- 13 How much does it cost to phone New York?
- 14 What do you usually have for breakfast?

7.3

- 2 Do you enjoy / Do you like
- 3 do you start
- 4 Do you work
- 5 do you go
- 6 does he do
- 7 does he teach
- 8 Does he enjoy / Does he like

7.4

- 2 Yes, I do. *or* No, I don't.
- 3 Yes, I do. *or* No, I don't.
- 4 Yes, it does. *or* No, it doesn't.
- 5 Yes, I do. *or* No, I don't.