

UNIT 3

Right Now

Talking about activities happening at the moment



1 Vocabulary: Activities

reading

writing

listening

speaking

playing the guitar

swimming

running

cooking

making a cake

skateboarding

doing gymnastics

playing tennis

2 Present Continuous (Affirmative)

We use **am, is, are + verb-ing** to talk about actions happening now.

Subject	Form	Example
I	am + verb-ing	I am reading a book.
You	are + verb-ing	You are playing tennis.
We	are + verb-ing	We are cooking now.
They	are + verb-ing	They are swimming.
He	is + verb-ing	He is writing a letter.
She	is + verb-ing	She is listening to music.
It	is + verb-ing	It is running.

3 Spelling rules (verb + -ing)

1 Most verbs: add **-ing**

read → **reading**
 play → **playing**
 cook → **cooking**
 swim → **swimming**

2 Verbs ending in **-e**: remove **-e** and add **-ing**

write → **writing**
 make → **making**
 skate → **skateboarding**

3 Short verbs: double the consonant and add **-ing**

run → **running**
 sit → **sitting**
 stop → **stopping**
 swim → **swimming**

4 Present Continuous (Negative)

We use **am not, is not, are not + verb-ing**.

Subject	Form	Example
I	am not (I'm not)	I am not reading.
You	are not (aren't)	You aren't playing.
We	are not (aren't)	We aren't cooking.
They	are not (aren't)	They aren't swimming.
He	is not (isn't)	He isn't writing.
She	is not (isn't)	She isn't listening.
It	is not (isn't)	It isn't running.

5 Present Continuous (Questions)

We put **am, is or are** at the beginning.

Question form	Example
Am I + verb-ing?	Am I reading?
Are you + verb-ing?	Are you playing?
Are we + verb-ing?	Are we cooking?
Are they + verb-ing?	Are they swimming?
Is he + verb-ing?	Is he writing?
Is she + verb-ing?	Is she listening?
Is it + verb-ing?	Is it running?

6 Short answers

✓ Yes, ...

Yes, I **am**.
 Yes, you **are**.
 Yes, we **are**.
 Yes, they **are**.
 Yes, he **is**.
 Yes, she **is**.
 Yes, it **is**.

✗ No, ...

No, I **am not**.
 No, you **aren't**.
 No, we **aren't**.
 No, they **aren't**.
 No, he **isn't**.
 No, she **isn't**.
 No, it **isn't**.

Are you playing tennis?
Yes, I am.
/ No, I'm not.

7 Example sentences

- I **am playing** the guitar.
- She **is reading** a book.
- They **are making** a cake.
- He **is skateboarding**.
- We **are swimming** in the pool.
- You **are doing** gymnastics.

8 Question and answer practice

Question	Short answer
1 What are you doing?	I am writing.
2 Is she reading?	Yes, she is.
3 Are they cooking?	Yes, they are.
4 Is he running?	No, he isn't.
5 Are you swimming?	Yes, I am.