

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? --I AM STUDYING ENGLISH.

The present progressive tense = the correct form of to be + the verb + -ing

It is used to say what is happening right now. It is two words!

For example:

I am studying English.

We are practicing together.

The children are playing.

They are not sleeping.

She is drinking coffee.

She is not drinking tea.

***if the verb ends in -e, like drive, drop the e before adding the -ing

Example: *Dad is driving the children to school today.* Mom is making a cake.

(the verbs are drive and make; we need to drop the -e before adding the -ing)

TO BE

I AM

WE ARE

YOU ARE

YOU ARE (ALL OF YOU) + **verb + ing**

HE, SHE, IT IS

THEY ARE

I am studying

we are studying

you are studying

you are studying

he/she/it is studying

they are studying

EXAMPLES:

What are you doing? --I am reading a magazine.

What is Mom doing? --She is preparing dinner.

What are all of you doing? --We are dancing.

Activity: What are they doing? Form sentences with the subject and verbs given:

Example: Paul/read the newspaper. *Paul is reading the newspaper.*

- 1. Terri/listen to music on her iPhone.**
- 2. My sisters/eat potato chips and drink Coca-Cola**
- 3. I/prepare for the Math exam**
- 4. You/watch a movie on TV**
- 5. We/work outside in the garden**
- 6. Robert/play the guitar**
- 7. Dad/fix my bicycle**
- 8. My sister and I/make cookies**

Activity: Read where the people are and what they are doing.

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| 1. Dad is in the garden. | He is planting tomatoes and peppers. |
| 2. Patti is in the living room. | She is watching a movie on TV. |
| 3. I am in the kitchen. | I am preparing a salad and cooking the steak. |
| 4. We are in the dining room. | We are celebrating Mom's birthday. |
| 5. The children are outside. | They are running and playing together. |
| 6. Megan is in the library. | She is looking for a book about dinosaurs. |
| 7. You are in the office. | You are talking to clients and using the computer. |
| 8. He is in the garage. | He is cleaning the inside of the car. |
| 9. Susan is in the supermarket. | She is buying fruit, vegetables, and meat. |

What are you doing?

Here are some more verbs to use. Practice forming the present progressive tense. (Don't forget about the verbs which end in -e. You need to take away the -e before adding the -ing.)

celebrate	make a cake	sleep	learn English
wash the car	clean the kitchen	drive	use the computer
do laundry	walk in the park	exercise	ride a bicycle
take the bus	work	practice	have a party

Read along with me: We are preparing for a special day

Today is Saturday, and it is a beautiful summer day. Outside, people are working in their gardens, and children are riding their bicycles or playing.

At my house, it is a very busy day. I am baking a cake and cooking in the kitchen. My husband is washing the car and cleaning the garage. My son and daughter are helping me—he is washing the windows in the living room, and she is doing the laundry. We are preparing our house because many friends and family members are coming later. We are celebrating my mother's birthday tonight, so we are having a surprise party for her. We hope she is surprised!