



# UNIT

## **Present Progressive: Statements**

FRIENDS FROM LONG AGO

#### **OUTCOMES**

- . Use the present progressive to talk about events that are happening now
- · Complete sentences about an email
- Identify true and false sentences about a conversation
- · Describe pictures and talk about what is happening in them
- · Write a conversation about what is happening

#### **GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT** STEP 1

#### **BEFORE YOU READ**

⚠ VOCABULARY Study the words. Then complete the sentences. Write the picture numbers.







look for

look at

wait for



- 1. In picture 4, she is winning the race.
- 2. In picture \_\_\_\_\_, she is looking for her keys.
- **3.** In picture \_\_\_\_\_, he is waiting for a friend.
- 4. In picture \_\_\_\_\_, they are looking at a photo.
- 5. In picture \_\_\_\_\_, he is losing the race.
- Work with a partner. Compare your answers in A.





Read this email from Jessica to her friend Lauren.

## A Friend from Long Ago



Dear Lauren,

I was so happy to hear from you. Of course I remember you. You were one of my best friends in high school!

I'm living in Redmond now with my husband and children. Here are some photos of us.

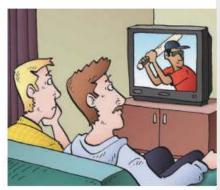
Tim is my husband. He's in the first photo. He has brown hair, and he's wearing a gray sweatshirt. He's sitting next to my brother, Steve. They're watching a baseball game. They're not smiling because their team is losing. I'm sure you remember Steve. Believe it or not, he's a professor now.

I'm in the second photo between my mom and dad. We're not smiling because we're hungry. We're waiting for the game to end.

In the last photo, my son Jeremy is in the chair. He's fifteen. He's looking at his phone, and he's texting friends. He loves that phone! Annie and Ben are playing cards. Annie is ten, and Ben is seven. They keep us busy.

Call when you're in Seattle. I can't wait to see you. Maybe we can see our old friend Sylvia, too. I know she lives in Seattle. I don't have her phone number, but I can look for it.

Your friend from long ago, Jessica







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#### **AFTER YOU READ**

⚠ COMPREHENSION Look at Jessica's email again. Complete the sentences. Circle the correct answers.

- 1. Tim is wearing a gray sweatshirt / gray pants.
- 2. Steve and Tim are watching soccer / baseball.
- 3. Steve and Tim are not smiling because their team isn't winning / they're hungry.
- 4. Jessica is standing between her mom and dad / her son and daughter.
- 5. Jeremy is texting friends / classmates.
- **6.** Annie and Ben are playing ball / cards.
- Work with a partner. Compare your answers in A.

## STEP 2 GRAMMAR PRESENTATION

### PRESENT PROGRESSIVE: STATEMENTS

Affirmative Statements					
Am	Is	We are sitting. You are standing. They are smiling.			
I am listening.	He is standing. She is sitting. It is raining.				

Contractions				
I'm listening.	He's standing. She's sitting. It's raining.	We're sitting. You're standing. They're smiling.		

Negative Statements				
Am not	Is not	Are not		
I am not talking.	He is not standing. She is not reading. It is not snowing.	We are not working. You are not listening. They are not working.		

Contractions						
I'm not talking.	He's not standing. Jeremy isn't listening. She's not talking. Annie isn't talking. It's not snowing.	We're not talking. Tim and I aren't talking. You're not talking. You and Annie aren't talking. They're not talking. Tim and Jeremy aren't talking.				

#### **GRAMMAR NOTES**

#### 1 Present Progressive: Uses Use the present progressive to talk about an action or event that is happening now. I am sitting next to Maria. Now Past **Future** Jon is texting. We are talking. She's talking.



#### 2 Affirmative Statements

Use a form of be + the verb + -ing to form the present progressive.

· listen

· talk

· stand

We often use **contractions** in speaking and

informal writing.

If the base form of the verb ends in -e, drop the -e and add -ing.

write

If the base form of the verb is **one syllable** and it ends in **consonant** + **vowel** + **consonant**, **double the last consonant**. Then add -**ing**.

• run

• sit

· shop

**BE CAREFUL!** Do not double the last consonant if the verb ends in -w, -x, or -y.

· grow

· fix

play

do not repeat a form of *be*.

I am listening.

She is talking.

We are standing.

I'm listening. She's talking.

We're standing.

He is writing.

She is running.

They are sitting.

We are shopping.

We are growing tomatoes.

He is fixing his computer. She is playing ball.

He's eating and watching TV.

NOT He's eating and is watching TV.

#### 3 Negative Statements

Use a form of be + not + the verb + -ing for negative statements.

I am not wearing a hat. He is not talking. They are not reading.

We usually use **contractions** in speaking and informal writing.

I'm not wearing a hat. She's not smiling.

There are **two contractions** for *is not* and *are not*.

Jeremy isn't talking. or He's not talking.

Annie and Ben aren't reading. or They're not reading.

#### **REFERENCE NOTES**

For definitions of grammar terms, see the Glossary on page 375.

For information on **present progressive questions**, see Unit 17 on page 191 and Unit 18 on page 201. For information on **present progressive spelling rules**, see Appendix 16 on page 371.

Go to MyEnglishLab to watch the grammar presentation.

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## STEP 3 FOCUSED PRACTICE

#### **EXERCISE 1 DISCOVER THE GRAMMAR**

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Hi Jessica,

I'm at the airport in New York, and I'm sitting and waiting for my plane. It's snowing here and my flight is late. My new arrival time is 2:30.

I'm looking at your photos, and I'm smiling. Tim looks like your first boyfriend,
Adam. But Tim isn't wearing torn jeans, and he has short hair and a mustache.
Your daughter Annie looks just like you. In the photo, she's wearing a purple
T-shirt. Purple was your favorite color in high school. Is it still your favorite color?
Is it her favorite color, too?

You don't have a photo of me. But I look the same as in high school. I look eighteen! (I'm just kidding!¹) Oh, and I have blond hair now.

See you soon!

Lauren

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B Look at the email in A again. For each statement, check (✓) True, False, or No Information.

		True	False	No Information
1.	Lauren often waits for planes.			$\triangleleft$
2.	Lauren is waiting for a plane now.			
3.	It snows a lot in New York.			
4.	It's snowing in New York now.			
5.	Tim is wearing torn jeans.			
6.	Tim often wears torn jeans.			
7.	Annie is wearing a purple T-shirt in the photo.			
8.	Annie wears purple a lot.			

<sup>1</sup> just kidding: I'm not serious. I'm joking.