

UNIT

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What are you doing?

In this unit

You learn

- present continuous
- forming words with *-ing*
- telephone numbers
- ordinal numbers
- months of the year

and then you can

- talk on the phone
- talk about birthdays



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1 Listen and read.

CLASS CD

**Kate** Hello?  
**Nicole** Hi, Kate. It's Nicole. How's it going?  
**Kate** OK. I'm doing some homework, and I'm not enjoying it!  
**Nicole** Oh sorry. Am I bothering you?  
**Kate** No, you're not. It's OK.  
**Nicole** Oh good. Listen—do you have Jack's phone number?  
**Kate** Yeah, I do. Just a second. Ready?  
It's 555-2321.  
**Nicole** 555-2321. Thanks.  
**Kate** Why do you want Jack's number?  
**Nicole** It's Steve's birthday next weekend, on the 16th. I want to get him something.  
**Kate** Ah, great idea! You want to ask Jack what Steve likes.  
**Nicole** That's right.  
**Kate** OK. But you can't talk to him now. He told me he's playing in a soccer game today.

**Nicole** I really need to talk to him now!  
**Kate** Why? Where are you?  
**Nicole** I'm in a bookstore and ... oh, no! Kate, can I call you back?  
**Kate** Sure, why?  
**Nicole** Steve's coming into the store! Bye!  
**Kate** Bye, Nicole!



2 Circle the correct words or expressions.

- 1 Kate is *writing letters* / *doing homework* .
- 2 Nicole *is* / *isn't* bothering Kate.
- 3 Jack's phone number is *555-2321* / *555-3215*.
- 4 It's Steve's birthday *tomorrow* / *next weekend* .
- 5 Nicole wants to get a present for *Steve* / *Jack* .
- 6 She *knows* / *doesn't know* what to get for Steve.

3 Listen and repeat.

- 1 he she meet cream fourteen
- 2 if his fish six chicken

Vocabulary Telephone numbers

4 Listen and circle the telephone numbers you hear.

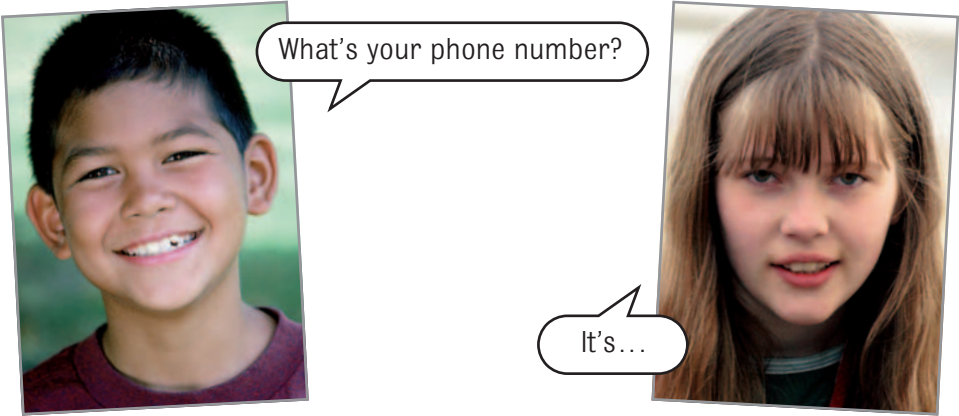
- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 272-1580 / 271-2508 | 4 305-5727 / 350-5727 |
| 2 299-5043 / 299-5034 | 5 682-5522 / 682-2255 |
| 3 619-5832 / 611-5832 | 6 286-7501 / 287-7501 |

5 Repeat the telephone numbers.

- |            |            |
|------------|------------|
| 1 519-2620 | 4 962-5168 |
| 2 348-7714 | 5 342-6600 |

Get talking Talking on the phone

6 Ask and answer questions with a partner.



7 Listen and complete the dialogue, and then practice it with a partner.

**Mr. Wright** Hello?  
**Nicole** Hello. May I <sup>1</sup>..... to Jack?  
**Mr. Wright** Sorry, he isn't <sup>2</sup>..... Can you call <sup>3</sup>..... back later?  
**Nicole** Yes, OK. Thank you.

8 Invent similar dialogues with a partner, changing the names and numbers.

# Language Focus

## Vocabulary Ordinal numbers

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1 Listen and repeat.

|     |         |      |            |      |              |
|-----|---------|------|------------|------|--------------|
| 1st | first   | 9th  | ninth      | 17th | seventeenth  |
| 2nd | second  | 10th | tenth      | 18th | eighteenth   |
| 3rd | third   | 11th | eleventh   | 19th | nineteenth   |
| 4th | fourth  | 12th | twelfth    | 20th | twentieth    |
| 5th | fifth   | 13th | thirteenth | 21st | twenty-first |
| 6th | sixth   | 14th | fourteenth | 30th | thirtieth    |
| 7th | seventh | 15th | fifteenth  |      |              |
| 8th | eighth  | 16th | sixteenth  |      |              |

## Vocabulary Months of the year

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2 Listen and repeat.



January and February,  
March and April, May and June,  
and then July is coming soon.

August and September,  
October and November,  
and finally... December!

3 Read the dates.

Saturday, June 11  
Sunday, August 5

Friday, December 21  
Tuesday, January 4

\* We write  
"on May 7."  
We say  
"May seventh"  
or  
"the seventh of  
May."

## Get talking Talking about birthdays

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4 Listen and complete.

**Sue** When's your <sup>1</sup>....., Julian?  
**Julian** On <sup>2</sup>..... 18.  
**Sue** Really? My birthday's on December <sup>3</sup>.....!  
**Julian** How <sup>4</sup>..... are you?  
**Sue** I'm <sup>5</sup>.....

5 Ask five people when their birthday is. Then tell the class.

**A** When's your birthday?  
**B** My birthday's March 5.  
**A** Marco's birthday is March 5.



# Grammar

## Present continuous Affirmative

1 Review the dialogue on page 14 and complete the table.

|                |                                      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| I'm            | do <sup>1</sup> ..... some homework. |
| He/she/it's    | play <sup>2</sup> ..... soccer.      |
| You/we/they're | trying to find something.            |

\* Use the present continuous to talk about actions happening at the time of speaking.

2 Complete the sentences with 'm, 's, or 're.

- 1 A Where's Nick?  
B He ..... playing soccer.
- 2 A Let's play tennis.  
B Sorry. We ..... having dinner now.
- 3 A Where are Sandra and Lucy?  
B They ..... shopping.
- 4 A Are you OK?  
B Yes, I ..... having a great time!
- 5 A Will you help me, please?  
B Sorry, I ..... reading a book.
- 6 A Can I talk to Lynn?  
B She isn't home. She ..... riding her bike.

3 Write am, is, or are. Use short forms when possible.

- 1 I ..... having dinner.
- 2 My mother ..... watching TV.
- 3 Our dog ..... sleeping.
- 4 Dad ..... washing the car.
- 5 Grandma ..... listening to music.
- 6 They ..... playing computer games.
- 7 ..... she doing her homework?
- 8 ..... they having fun on vacation?

## Forming words with -ing

verb + **ing**: do—doing, play—playing,  
enjoy—enjoying  
**e + ing**: come—coming, have—having,  
make—making  
**double consonants**: stop—stopping,  
sit—sitting, put—putting

4 Write the -ing form of each verb.

- 1 watch ..... *watching*
- 2 listen .....
- 3 swim .....
- 4 go .....
- 5 read .....
- 6 roller-skate .....
- 7 hit .....

5 Complete the sentences with the -ing form of the verb. Use short forms.

- 1 Come over to my place. *We're listening* to music. (listen)
- 2 Look! The dog ..... in the river! (swim)
- 3 Don't disturb me! I ..... a good book. (read)
- 4 She ..... her vacation. (enjoy)
- 5 They ..... a computer game. (play)
- 6 You ..... your homework. (do)

Present continuous Negative

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| I'm not               | enjoying it.            |
| He/she/it isn't       | playing computer games. |
| You/we/they're aren't | winning.                |

6 Write the verbs in the negative form.

- 1 I'm enjoying my vacation.  
I'm not enjoying my vacation.
- 2 He's doing his homework.  
.....
- 3 They're playing tennis.  
.....
- 4 Nicole's having breakfast.  
.....
- 5 Steve's sleeping.  
.....
- 6 We're listening to the teacher.  
.....
- 7 You're bothering me.  
.....
- 8 It's raining.  
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Present continuous Questions and short answers

7 Complete the table with the words below.

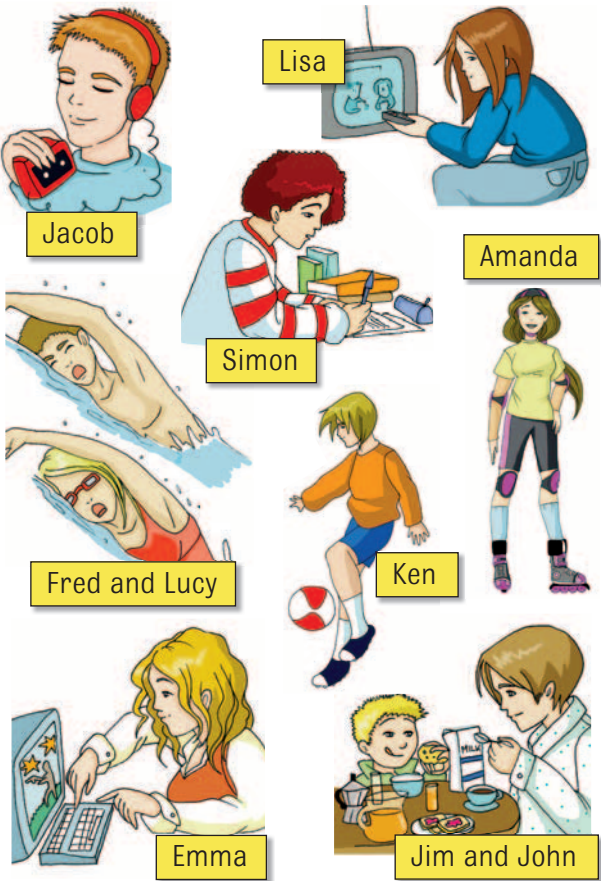
is    am    are    isn't    aren't

| Questions                                      | Affirmative answers   | Negative answers           |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| <sup>1</sup> ..... I <b>bothering</b> you?     | Yes, you <b>are</b> . | No, you <sup>2</sup> ..... |
| <sup>3</sup> ..... you <b>listening</b> to me? | Yes, I <b>am</b> .    | No, I'm <b>not</b> .       |
| <sup>4</sup> ..... she <b>watching</b> TV?     | Yes, she <b>is</b> .  | No, she <sup>5</sup> ..... |

8 Write questions and short answers.

- 1 he/watch TV?  
Is he watching TV .....?  
Yes, he is .....
- 2 they/make dinner?  
Are they making dinner .....?  
No, they aren't .....
- 3 she/do her homework?  
.....?  
Yes, .....
- 4 he/have breakfast?  
.....?  
No, .....
- 5 you/play computer games?  
.....?  
No, .....

9 Work with a partner. Look at the pictures for a minute, close your book, and try and remember the actions of each person.



- A What's Jacob doing?
- B He's ... / I can't remember. Give me a clue!

Skills

Listening

9 1 Listen to the sounds and guess what the people are doing.

- ☐ She's playing a computer game.
- ☐ She's sending a text message.
- ☐ They're playing baseball.
- ☐ He's horseback riding.
- ☐ He's frying an egg.
- ☐ He's roller-skating.
- ☐ He's riding his bike.
- ☐ They're playing the piano.
- ☐ He's feeding his cat.
- ☐ She's skateboarding.

Speaking

2 Work with a partner. Prepare and practice a telephone conversation. Use your own ideas.

**Tom** Hi, Tom here.  
**Sandra** Hi, Tom. It's Sandra here.  
What are you doing?  
**Tom** I'm playing Super Hero III.  
It's great.  
**Sandra** Oh, may I come over?  
**Tom** Sure.



1 TV shows.

I'm watching ..... It's great!



I'm watching ..... It's awesome!



2 Music.

I'm listening to ..... It's really cool!

I'm listening to ..... It's amazing!

3 Computer games.

I'm playing ..... It's exciting!

I'm playing ..... It's thrilling!

Reading

3 Read the text and then answer the questions.

Birthdays  
around the world

“How do you celebrate your birthday?”  
“Do you invite a lot of your friends?”  
“Do you have a party?”  
Read what young people around the world do on their special day.



Denmark

In Denmark, they put a flag outside a window to show that someone in that house is having a birthday. They place presents around the bed of the person whose birthday it is while he or she is sleeping. When the person wakes up, he or she is happy to see all the presents.

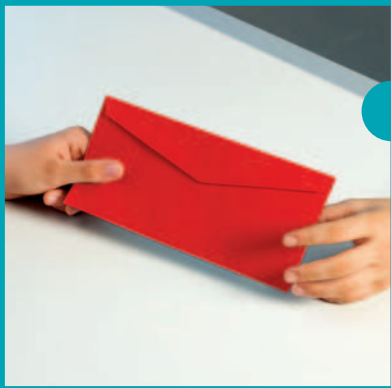
England

Sometimes, when it's your birthday, your friends give you the "bumps." They lift you in the air by your hands and feet and raise you up and down to the ground, once for each year.



Nepal

People make a mixture of rice, yogurt, and coloring. Then they make a special mark on the forehead of the person whose birthday it is. People think this brings good luck.



Vietnam

In Vietnam, people do not celebrate the exact day of their birth. Everyone's birthday is on the same day—New Year's Day. On the first morning of the new year, parents give their children red envelopes. In the envelopes, there is "lucky money."

- In which country ...
- 1 do they put a colored mark on a person's face? .....
  - 2 do all people have the same birthday? .....
  - 3 do you wake up to find birthday presents all around you? .....
  - 4 do friends lift the person celebrating a birthday in the air? .....
  - 5 do people celebrate their birthday on the first day of the year? .....