

BASIC GRAMMAR IN USE

Unit
1

am/is/are

A

My name **is** Anna. I'm 22.
 I'm American. I'm from Chicago.
 I'm a student.
 My father **is** a doctor, and my mother **is** a journalist.
 My favorite color **is** blue.
 My favorite sports **are** tennis and swimming.
 I'm interested in art.
 I'm **not** interested in politics.

ANNA

B

Affirmative

Negative

I	am	(I'm)
he		(he's)
she	is	(she's)
it		(it's)
we		(we're)
you	are	(you're)
they		(they're)

short form

I	am not	(I'm not)
he		(he's not or he isn't)
she	is not	(she's not or she isn't)
it		(it's not or it isn't)
we		(we're not or we aren't)
you	are not	(you're not or you aren't)
they		(they're not or they aren't)

short forms

- I'm tired, but I'm not hungry.
- I'm 32 years old. My sister is 29.
- Alex is scared of dogs.
- Jane is Australian. She isn't American.
- These flowers are nice, and they aren't expensive.
- It's 10:00. You're late again.
- I'm cold. Can I close the window?
- James isn't a teacher. He's a student.
- Anna and I are good friends.
- Paris is a beautiful city.
- Our house is near downtown.
- Tom isn't here. He's at work.
- Your keys are on the table.

We say **it's** hot/warm/cold/sunny/dark, etc.

- It's** sunny today, but **it isn't** warm.



C

that's = that is there's = there is here's = here is

- Thank you. That's very nice of you.
- Look! There's Chris.
- "Here's your key." "Thank you."



am/is/are (questions) → Unit 2 there is/are → Unit 35 it's... → Unit 37 a/an → Unit 63
 (at) home → Unit 106 short forms → Appendix 4

Unit
2

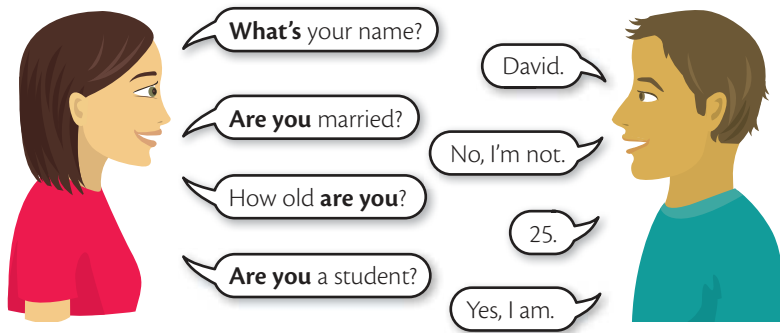
am/is/are (questions)

A

Affirmative

Question

I	am	am	I?
he	is	is	he?
she		she?	
it		it?	
we	are	are	we?
you		you?	
they		they?	



- "Am I late?" "No, **you're** on time."
- "Is your mother home?" "No, **she's** out."
- "Are your parents home?" "No, **they're** out."
- "Is it cold in your room?" "Yes, a little bit."
- Your shoes are** nice. **Are they** new?

We say:

- Is she** home? / **Is your mother** home? (*not* Is home your mother?)
- Are they** new? / **Are your shoes** new? (*not* Are new your shoes?)

B

Where...? / What...? / Who...? / How...? / Why...?

- Where is** your mother? Is she home?
- "**Where are** you from?" "Canada."
- "**What color is** your car?" "It's red."
- "**How old is** Joe?" "He's 24."
- "**How are** your parents?" "They're fine."
- These shoes are nice. **How much are** they?
- This hotel isn't very good. **Why is** it so expensive?

what's = what **is** who's = who **is** how's = how **is** where's = where **is**

- What's** your phone number? **Who's** that man?
- Where's** Emily? **How's** your father?

C

Short answers

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

No,	I'm	not.
	he's	
	she's	
	it's	
	we're	not.
	you're	
	they're	

No,	he	isn't.
	she	
	it	
	we	aren't.
	you	
	they	



- "Are you tired?" "Yes, I am."
- "Are you hungry?" "No, I'm not, but I'm thirsty."
- "Is your friend Japanese?" "Yes, he is."
- "Are these your keys?" "Yes, they are."
- "That's my seat." "No, it isn't."

Exercises

2.1 Find the right answers for the questions.

1 Where's the camera?	A Toronto.	1 <u>G</u>
2 Is your car blue?	B No, I'm not.	2
3 Is Nicole from London?	C Yes, you are.	3
4 Am I late?	D My sister.	4
5 Where's Megan from?	E Black.	5
6 What color is your bag?	F No, it's black.	6
7 Are you hungry?	G In your bag.	7
8 How is Christopher?	H No, she's American.	8
9 Who's that woman?	I Fine.	9



2.2 Make questions with these words.

- (is / home / your mother) Is your mother home ?
- (your parents / are / how) How are your parents ?
- (interesting / is / your job)
- (the stores / are / open today)
- (from / where / you / are)
- (interested in sports / you / are)
- (is / near here / the train station)
- (at school / are / your children)
- (you / are / late / why)

2.3 Complete the questions. Use **What ... / Who ... / Where ... / How ...**.

1 <u>How are</u> your children?	They're fine. At the end of the block. Five, six, and ten. \$1.50 a pound. Skiing. That's my father. Black.
2 the bus stop?	
3 your children?	
4 these oranges?	
5 your favorite sport?	
6 the man in this photo?	
7 your new shoes?	

2.4 Write the questions.

	 ERIC
1 (name ?) <u>What's your name?</u>	Eric.
2 (Australian?)	No, I'm Canadian.
3 (how old?)	I'm 30.
4 (a teacher?)	No, I'm a lawyer.
5 (married?)	Yes, I am.
6 (wife a lawyer?)	No, she's a teacher.
7 (from?)	She's from Mexico.
8 (her name?)	Ana.
9 (how old?)	She's 27.

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

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|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Are you married? <u>No, I'm not.</u> | 4 Are your hands cold? |
| 2 Are you thirsty? | 5 Is it dark now? |
| 3 Is it cold today? | 6 Are you a teacher? |

Unit
3

I am doing (present continuous)

A



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 bus **is coming**.
- 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 baseball
 I'm not watching TV

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 call you later?
- You can turn off the TV. **I'm not watching** it.

For spelling, see Appendix 5.

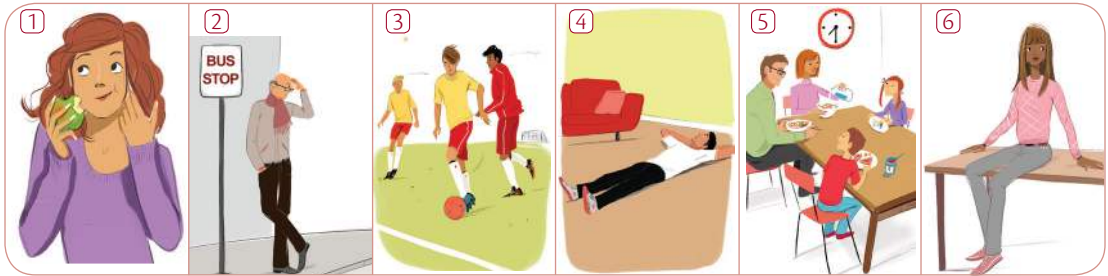
come → coming write → writing dance → dancing
 run → running sit → sitting swim → swimming
 lie → lying

am/is/are → Unit 1 **are you doing? (questions) → Unit 4** **I am doing and I do → Unit 8**
What are you doing tomorrow? → Unit 24

Exercises

3.1 What are these people doing? Use these verbs to complete the sentences:

~~eat~~ have lie play sit wait



- 1 *She's eating* an apple.
- 2 He for a bus.
- 3 They soccer.
- 4 on the floor.
- 5 breakfast.
- 6 on the table.

3.2 Complete the sentences. Use these verbs:

~~build~~ ~~cook~~ leave stand stay swim take ~~work~~

- 1 Please be quiet. I *'m working*.
- 2 "Where's John?" "He's in the kitchen. He"
- 3 "You on my foot." "Oh, I'm sorry."
- 4 Look! Somebody in the river.
- 5 We're here on vacation. We at a hotel on the beach.
- 6 "Where's Sue?" "She a shower."
- 7 They a new hotel downtown.
- 8 I now. Goodbye!

3.3 Look at the picture. Write sentences about Jane. Use **She's -ing** or **She isn't -ing**.



JANE

- 1 (have dinner) *Jane isn't having dinner.*
- 2 (watch TV) *She's watching TV.*
- 3 (sit on the floor) She
- 4 (read a book)
- 5 (play the piano)
- 6 (laugh)
- 7 (wear a hat)
- 8 (drink coffee)

3.4 What's happening now? Write true sentences.

- 1 (I / wash / my hair) *I'm not washing my hair.*
- 2 (it / snow) *It's snowing. or It isn't snowing.*
- 3 (I / sit / on a chair)
- 4 (I / eat)
- 5 (it / rain)
- 6 (I / study / English)
- 7 (I / listen / to music)
- 8 (the sun / shine)
- 9 (I / wear / shoes)
- 10 (I / read / a newspaper)

Unit 4

are you doing? (present continuous questions)

A

Affirmative

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 Eric doing?" "He's studying for his exams."
- "What are the children doing?" "They're watching TV."
- 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	Ben	working today? (<i>not</i> Is working Ben 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	

- "Are you leaving now?" "Yes, I am."
- "Is Ben 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."

Exercises

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 / leave / now?).....</p> <p>Yes, see you tomorrow.</p>	<p>3 (it / rain?).....</p> <p>No, not right now.</p>
<p>4 (you / enjoy / the movie?)</p> <p>Yes, it's really 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 <u>are you</u> <u>reading</u> ?</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 with these words. Put the words in the right order.

- (is / working / Ben / today) *Is Ben 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 / TV)
- (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.).

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|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Are you watching TV? <i>No, I'm not.</i> | 4 Is it raining? |
| 2 Are you wearing a watch? | 5 Are you sitting on the floor? |
| 3 Are you eating something? | 6 Are you feeling all right? |

→ Additional exercise 3 (page 239)

Unit 5

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

A



They have a lot of books.
 They **read** a lot.



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

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

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 an office. **My brother works** in a bank. (*not* My brother work)
- Emily lives** in Houston. **Her parents live** in Chicago.
- It rains** a lot in the winter.

I have → he/she/it **has**:

- John has** lunch at home every day.

For spelling, see Appendix 5.

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

B

We use the *simple present* 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.
- Tom **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7:30 and **finishes** at 8:00 at night.
- The earth **goes** around the sun.
- We **do** a lot of different things in our free time.
- It **costs** a lot of money to build a hospital.

C

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

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

I don't ... (negative) → **Unit 6** **Do you** ... ? (questions) → **Unit 7** **I am doing** and **I do** → **Unit 8**
always/usually/often, etc. (word order) → **Unit 92**