

UNIT 16

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 in photos

STEP 1 GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT

BEFORE YOU READ

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



1 look for



2 look at



3 wait for



lose

win

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.

B 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



AFTER YOU READ

A 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.

B Work with a partner. Compare your answers in A.

Go to [MyEnglishLab](https://www.MyEnglishLab.com) for more grammar in context practice.

STEP 2 GRAMMAR PRESENTATION

PRESENT PROGRESSIVE: STATEMENTS

Affirmative Statements

<i>Am</i>	<i>Is</i>	<i>Are</i>
I am listening.	He is standing. She is sitting. It is raining.	We are sitting. You are standing. They are smiling.

Contractions

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

<i>Am not</i>	<i>Is not</i>	<i>Are not</i>
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.
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GRAMMAR NOTES

1 Present Progressive: Uses

<p>Use the present progressive to talk about an action or event that is happening now.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p>	<p>I am sitting next to Maria. Jon is texting. We are talking.</p>
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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*

BE CAREFUL! When one subject refers to two verbs, 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**.

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

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

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

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

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.

STEP 3 **FOCUSED PRACTICE**

EXERCISE 1 DISCOVER THE GRAMMAR

A **GRAMMAR NOTES 1-3** Read the email to Jessica from Lauren. Underline all examples of the present progressive.

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

¹ just kidding: I'm not serious. I'm joking.

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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Lauren is waiting for a plane now.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. It snows a lot in New York.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. It's snowing in New York now.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Tim is wearing torn jeans.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Tim often wears torn jeans.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Annie is wearing a purple T-shirt in the photo.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Annie wears purple a lot.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>