

UNIT 12 Present continuous (*I am not leaving, Are you leaving?*) Form (2)

A

The negative form of the present continuous is formed by adding **not** between the auxiliary **be** and the **-ing** form.

Negative

I	am not ('m not)	
You	are not (aren't)	
He / She / It	is not (isn't)	leaving for Paris.
We	are not (aren't)	
You	are not (aren't)	
They	are not (aren't)	

Full form: Subject + **am / is / are + not** + verb in the **-ing** form

Short form: Subject + **'m not / isn't / aren't** + verb in the **-ing** form

In negative sentences the short form is the most used.

I'm not going out.

She isn't studying chemistry, she's studying physics.

B

Interrogative

Am I
Are you
Is he / she / it leaving for Paris.
Are we
Are you
Are they

Interrogative form: **Am / Is / Are** + subject + verb in the **-ing** form

Are you calling Jack?

Is Simon coming home for dinner?

In negative questions, the short forms **aren't** or **isn't** come before the subject.

Aren't the children sleeping?

Isn't she doing her homework?

C

Short answers are formed using: **Yes, / No,** + subject pronoun + the verb **be** in the affirmative / negative

In short affirmative answers, the verb **be** is never shortened.

'Are you joking?' 'No, I'm not.'

'Is he watching TV?' 'Yes, he is.'

D

Wh- questions are constructed by putting the question word first.

Question word + **am / is / are** + subject + verb in the **-ing** form

What are you doing?

Where are you going?

Why aren't they listening?

Student's notes

EXERCISES

Present continuous – Form (2) **UNIT 12**

NAME: student code DATE: / /

LEVEL: CEFR L TIME: -

12.1 Use the words to write negative sentences in the present continuous.

- 1 I / paint / any more pictures
- 2 Shane / write /his blog
- 3 we / go / to the cinema
- 4 they / compete / in the karate competition
- 5 she / do / Sudoku puzzles
- 6 Harry and Bob / skateboard

12.2 Complete the short answers.

- 1 Are you learning how to rollerblade? No,
- 2 Is Evette studying astronomy? No,
- 3 Are you brothers playing ice hockey? Yes,
- 4 Are you enjoying the Formula One racing? Yes,
- 5 Are Jon and Dave acting in the school play? No,
- 6 Are you going skateboarding on Saturday? No,

12.3 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 **Are / Is** Matilda learning to use a microscope?
- 2 **Where are / Are where** you going?
- 3 Why **don't / aren't** you watching the Formula One race?
- 4 Are **Nathan / the boys** making model cars in their room?
- 5 **Isn't / Aren't** Jamie listening to music at the moment?
- 6 **What / When** are you making?

12.4 Rearrange the words and write the questions.

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| 1 mum – drive – how – your – learning – to – Is – ?
..... | 5 kite – fly – learning – Who – how – is – to – a – ?
..... |
| 2 you – drama – going – group – to – the – Are – ?
..... | 6 you – are – Where – going – ?
..... |
| 3 in – reading- Ian – his – Is – room – ?
..... | 7 they – Why – aren't – the – watching – match – ?
..... |
| 4 are – What – doing – you – ?
..... | 8 Aren't – today – in – they – band – the – playing – ?
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12.5 Match the answers to the questions from exercise 4.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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| a My brother | e Yes, I am. |
| b No, he isn't | f I'm going to the youth club. |
| c I'm making a model plane. | g Yes, she is. |
| d No, they aren't. | h Because they're having a music lesson. |

Teacher's observations