# 5 A visit to the zoo

## The present continuous: questions and short answers
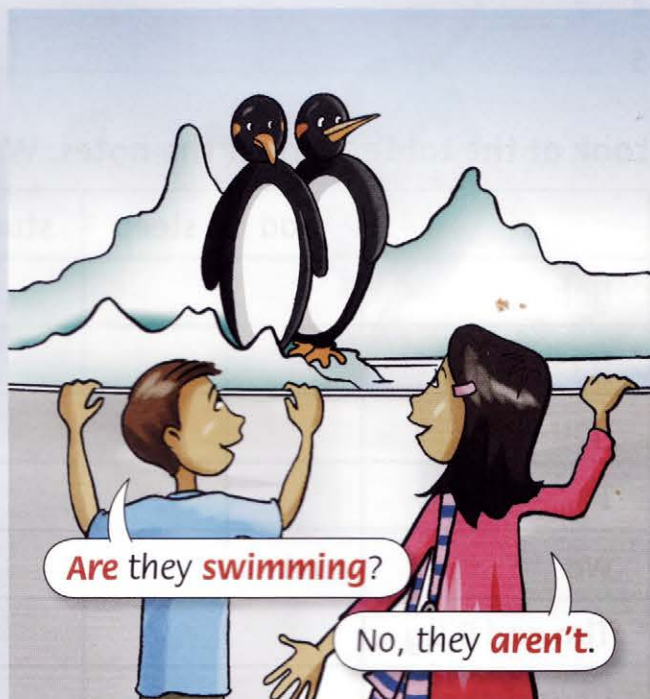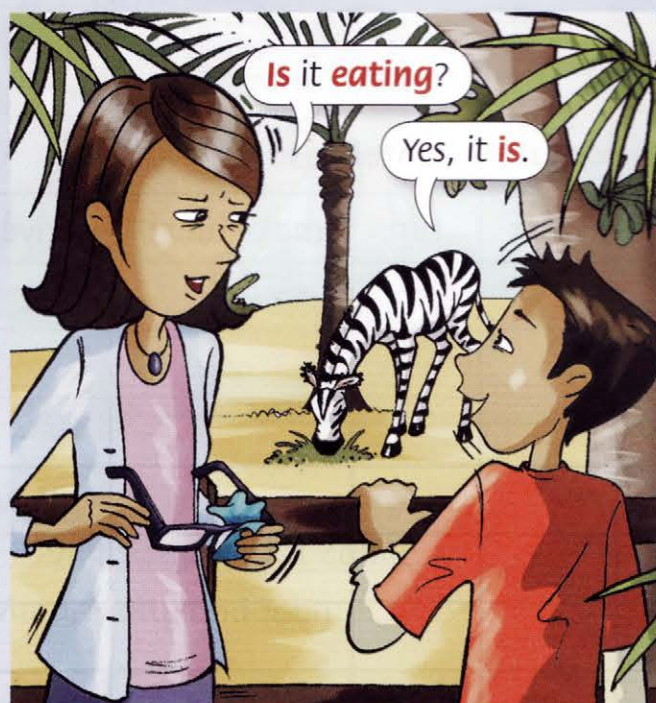


Is it **eating**?

Yes, it **is**.

**Are** they **swimming**?

No, they **aren't**.

| Questions | Short answers | |
|---|---|---|
| **Am** I **playing?** | Yes, I **am**. | No, I'**m not**. |
| **Are** you **playing?** | Yes, you **are**. | No, you **aren't**. |
| **Is** he **playing?** | Yes, he **is**. | No, he **isn't**. |
| **Is** she **playing?** | Yes, she **is**. | No, she **isn't**. |
| **Is** it **playing?** | Yes, it **is**. | No, it **isn't**. |
| **Are** we **playing?** | Yes, we **are**. | No, we **aren't**. |
| **Are** you **playing?** | Yes, you **are**. | No, you **aren't**. |
| **Are** they **playing?** | Yes, they **are**. | No, they **aren't**. |

Note that we don't repeat the **-ing** verb in short answers to questions in the present continuous.

*Are you watching TV?* *No, we aren't.*

When we give a short answer, we always use a pronoun.

*Is John playing in the garden?* *Yes, he is.*

*Are Mum and Dad playing chess?* *No, they aren't.*

**1 Write questions, using the present continuous.**

1  he / light / a fire?
   Is he lighting a fire?

2  Jane / do / her homework?

3  we / have / dinner / now?

4  You and Tom / play / a computer game?

5  you / get dressed?

**2 Write questions for these answers.**

1

Is the lion sleeping?
Yes, the lion's sleeping.

2

No, the monkey isn't flying. It's climbing.

3

Yes, the parrots are flying.

4

No, the kangaroos aren't sleeping. They're eating.

5

No, the zebra isn't eating. It's running.

**2 Look at the pictures. Write short answers.**

1   Is Teresa holding a comb?
    *Yes, she is.*

2   Are they studying?
    _____

3   Is Frank carrying a big bag?
    _____

4   Are they playing games?
    _____

5   Is Mr Rogers reading a newspaper?
    _____

6   Is Grandpa dancing?
    _____

**3 Write questions and short answers in the present continuous.**

1   I / learn / English / ? / ✓
    *Am I learning English?  Yes, I am.*

2   Amy / talk / ? / ✗
    _____

3   my Mum and Dad / sit / on the beach / ? / ✗
    _____

4   we / have / dinner / ? / ✓
    _____

5   my Grandma and Grandpa / visit / the zoo / ? / ✓
    _____

## 4 What are the animals doing? Write questions and short answers.



1 chimpanzee / eat / ?
   Is the chimpanzee eating?
   Yes, it is.

2 snakes / sleep / ?
   _____
   _____

3 penguins / swim / ?
   _____
   _____

4 mouse / eat / ?
   _____
   _____

5 crocodile / sleep / ?
   _____
   _____

6 zebra / drink / ?
   _____
   _____

7 spider / climb / ?
   _____
   _____

8 lizard / dive / ?
   _____
   _____