

A Basic Structure & Form

"I'm making chai."*Priya in the kitchen*She's **making** chai.She **isn't reading** a book.**"It's raining heavily!"***Monsoon in Mumbai*It's **raining**.The sun **isn't shining**.**"We're playing cricket!"***Aarav and friends in the park*They're **playing** cricket.They **aren't studying** right now.The present continuous is: **am / is / are + doing / eating / running / writing** etc.

I	am	(not)	-ing
he			
she	is	(not)	-ing
it			
we			
you	are	(not)	-ing
they			

I'm working on the project.Rahul **is writing** a letter to his grandmother.Anita **isn't eating** samosas. (*or She's not eating...*)The pressure cooker **is whistling**.**We're having** dinner together.You **aren't listening** to the music. (*or You're not...*)The children **are doing** their homework.

B Meaning & Usage

am / is / are + -ing = something is happening *now* (at the time of speaking):**I'm working | She's wearing a saree | They're playing kabaddi | I'm not watching TV**

PAST ————— **NOW** ————— FUTURE

- Please be quiet. **I'm studying** for my exams. (= *I'm studying now*)
- Look at Ananya! **She's wearing** a traditional saree today. (= *she is wearing it now*)
- The weather is pleasant in Bengaluru right now. **It's not raining**.
- 'Where are Rohan and Vikram?' '**They're playing** badminton in the courtyard.'
- (*on the phone*) **We're having** lunch at a dhaba now. Can I call you back later?
- You can turn off the television. **I'm not watching** it.

Spelling Rules:

come → **coming**run → **running**lie → **lying**write → **writing**sit → **sitting**make → **making**dance → **dancing**swim → **swimming**cook → **cooking**