

Present Continuous, can

A Complete the sentences with the Present Continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 My sister (watch) TV right now.
- 2 The boys (not play) tennis today
- 3 I (write) in my notebook at the moment.
- 4 The women (sit) in the park now.
- 5 Dad (not wash) his car today.
- 6 They (drive) to work right now.
- 7 Jason (study) music this year.
- 8 The children (not swim) at the moment.


B Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.


- 1 making / breakfast / is / this morning / Dad / ? *Is Dad making breakfast this morning?*.....
- 2 aren't / tonight / costumes / the actors / wearing /
- 3 to New York / at the moment / flying / I / am /
- 4 listening to / you / music / are / ?
- 5 a picture / isn't / the artist / now / painting /


C Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or Present Continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Be careful with stative verbs.


- 1 Tom usually *rides* (ride) his bike to school, but he *is going* (go) by car today.
- 2 Jane (not like) tea, but she (drink) it today because she's ill.
- 3 Mark and Jill (try) to improve their French. They (study) together every afternoon.
- 4 My little sister (not understand) her homework, so my mum (help) her now.
- 5 My friend is on holiday now and I (want) to talk to her.
- 6 I (think) he is telling the truth now.

D Write questions with can and the words below. Then answer the questions.

1  children / read / books / library
 a *Can children read books in the library?*
 b *Yes, they can.*

3  we / buy / shoes / here
 a
 b

2  we / play / tennis / here
 a
 b

4  baby / swim / alone
 a
 b

Present Continuous, *can* – Answers

- A**
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|---|----------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | is watching | 5 | isn't washing |
| 2 | aren't playing | 6 | are driving |
| 3 | am writing | 7 | is studying |
| 4 | are sitting | 8 | aren't swimming |
- B**
- 1 Is Dad making breakfast this morning?
 - 2 The actors aren't wearing costumes tonight.
 - 3 I am flying to New York at the moment.
 - 4 Are you listening to music?
 - 5 The artist isn't painting a picture now.
- C**
- 1 rides, is going
 - 2 doesn't like, is drinking
 - 3 are trying, study
 - 4 doesn't understand, is helping
 - 5 want
 - 6 think
- D**
- 1 a Can children read books in the library?
b Yes, they can.
 - 2 a Can we play tennis here?
b No, we can't.
 - 3 a Can we buy shoes here?
b No, we can't.
 - 4 a Can the baby swim alone?
b No, he/she can't.