Present Continuous, can

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

1. My sister ...................... (watch) TV right now. 5. Dad ...................... (not wash) his car today.
2. The boys ...................... (not play) tennis today 6. They ................. (drive) to work right now.
3. I ...................... (write) in my notebook at the moment. 7. Jason ...................... (study) music this year.
4. The women ...................... (sit) in the park now. 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 / . Aren’t the actors wearing costumes tonight?
3. to New York / at the moment / flying / I / am / . Am I flying to New York at the moment?
4. listening to / you / music / are / ? Are you listening to music?
5. a picture / isn’t / the artist / now / painting / . Isn’t the artist now painting a picture?

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 ...................... (ride) his bike to school, but he ...................... (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. Can children read books in the library?
   a. ........................................
   b. Yes, they can.

2. Can we play tennis here?
   a. ........................................
   b. ........................................

3. Can we buy shoes here?
   a. ........................................
   b. ........................................

4. Can a baby swim alone?
   a. ........................................
   b. ........................................
Present Continuous, *can* – Answers

**A**
1. is watching
2. aren’t playing
3. am writing
4. are sitting
5. isn’t washing
6. are driving
7. is studying
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.