



General English - Beginner

Unit 13: What's going on?

Objectives

Grammar: Present Continuous; Present Simple and Present Continuous

Vocabulary: Colours and clothes; Opposite verbs

Everyday Language: What's the matter?

Reading: Today's different



1. Look at the photo and answer the questions.

- What can you see?
- How many colours can you name?

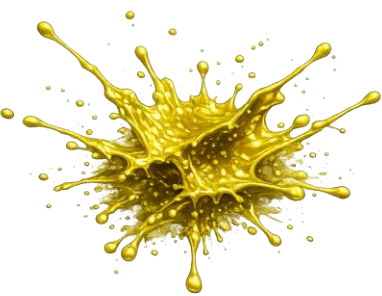


1. Write the colors.

pink | orange | grey | brown | yellow | white |
black | green | red | blue



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____



9. _____



10. _____

2. What is your favourite color?

3. What are the clothes? Write words from below. Then listen and repeat.  13.1

a jacket | a T-shirt and shorts | trousers | shoes and socks | | a dress | a scarf | a jumper | boots |
trainers | a suit | a shirt and tie | a skirt



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____



9. _____



10. _____



11. _____



12. _____

4. Describe the clothes.

1. Study the image and complete the descriptions with the correct clothing and names.

- 1. Rick's wearing blue _____ and a red _____. He's playing the guitar.
- 2. Polly and Penny are wearing yellow dresses and pink _____. They're eating ice cream.
- 3. Eva's wearing a green _____ and brown _____. She's carrying a black bag.
- 4. Carl's wearing a grey _____ and a white _____. He's reading his emails.
- 5. Lily's wearing an orange _____ and white _____. She's running.



2. Listen and check.  13.2

LANGUAGE FOCUS

1. The **Present Continuous** describes what is happening **now**.

He's **wearing** a dark grey suit.
They're **eating** ice cream.
I'm **sitting** in the classroom.

2. We make the **Present Continuous** with the verb **to be: am/is/are** + verb + **-ing**.

Complete the sentences.
I'm studying (study) German.
You/We/They _____ (wear) suits.
She/He _____ (play) in the field.

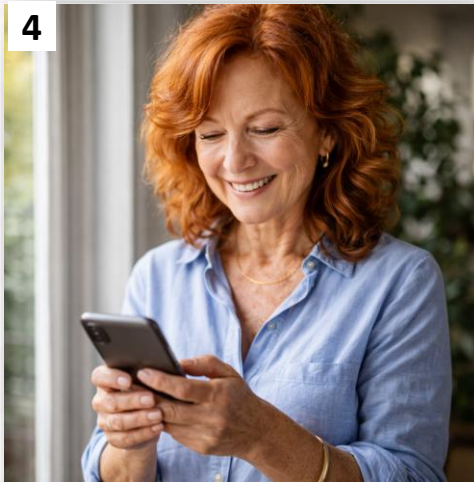
3. Listen and repeat the questions.  13.4

What's he **wearing**?
What **are** they **doing**?

4. Describe your clothes.

I'm wearing brown jeans and a black jumper.

Practice I Who were they?



1. What are the people in the pictures on the left doing?

He's cooking.

Listen and check. What extra information do you hear?  13.5

1. Read about Carl. Complete the text with the verbs below.

feels | go | arrives | has | wears | reads | works



CARL AT WORK

Carl is a businessman. He 1. _____ from 9.00 to 5.30 every day. He always 2. _____ a suit and tie for work. He usually 3. _____ lunch at his desk at 1.00. He 4. _____ home at about 7.00 every evening and he 5. _____ to his children before they 6. _____ to bed. He often 7. _____ very tired at the end of the day.

Listen and check. 13.6

2. Carl is in Spain on holiday, talking to his boss by phone. Listen to and read the conversation. 13.7

CARL ON HOLIDAY

C: Hello.
B: Carl, it's Brian, sorry to call you about work.
C: Oh, hi, Brian! That's OK.
B: First things first, are you having a good time?
C: Yes, we are. We're having a great time.
B: Are you staying in a hotel?
C: No, we're not. We're staying in a villa with a swimming pool near the beach.
B: Wonderful. And your family? Are they enjoying it?
C: Oh, yes. The kids are swimming in the pool right now. Can you hear them?
B: I can. And are you and your wife relaxing?
C: We are. We're sitting by the pool. Diane's sunbathing and I'm reading a lot – books and magazines, not reports! And it's great that I'm not wearing a suit and tie, just a T-shirt and shorts!
B: You're lucky. It's raining again here. Now, I'm calling about work ...
C: OK, Brian, what's the problem?
B: Well ...



3. How many true sentences can you make about Carl's holiday?

Carl		enjoying the holiday.
Diane	is	talking to Brian.
Brian	isn't	calling Carl.
The children	are	staying in a hotel.
It	aren't	wearing a suit.
They		raining in Spain.
		swimming in the pool.
		relaxing.

4. Ask and answer the questions about Carl’s holiday.

- 1. Are they ... a good time?
- 2. Where ... staying?
- 3. What ... the children doing?
- 4. What ... Diane doing?
- 5. What ... Carl doing?
- 6. Is he ... a suit?
- 7. Why ... Brian calling?

Are they having a good time?

Yes, they are.

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Read the sentences.

He **wears** a suit for work.
He’s **wearing** a T-shirt.

Which sentence is about **now**?
Which is true every day but **not now**?

5. Complete the sentences with the verbs in the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

- 1. Carl _____ (live) in a house in London, but now he _____ (stay) in a villa by the sea.
- 2. He usually _____ (wear) a suit, but today he _____ (wear) shorts.
- 3. He never _____ (relax) at work, but now he _____ (relax) by the pool.
- 4. Diane _____ (work) in a shop, but today she _____ (enjoy) her holiday.
- 5. The children _____ (work) hard at school, but today they _____ (swim) in the pool.
- 6. It often _____ (rain) in England and it _____ (rain) there now.

1. Make the questions.

- 1. you / wear / a new jumper?
Are you wearing a new jumper?
- 2. we / learn / Chinese?
_____?
- 3. we / sit / in a classroom?
_____?
- 4. you / listen / to the teacher?
_____?
- 5. the teacher / wear / blue trousers?
_____?
- 6. all the students / speak / English?
_____?
- 7. you / learn / a lot of English?
_____?
- 8. it / rain today?
_____?

2. Answer the questions.

Let's check!

2. Tick (✓) the correct sentence.

- 1.
☐ I'm wear a blue shirt today.
☐ I'm wearing a blue shirt today.
- 2.
☐ Where are you going?
☐ Where you going?
- 3.
☐ Peter no working this week.
☐ Peter isn't working this week.
- 4.
☐ That's Peter over there. He talks to the teacher.
☐ That's Peter over there. He's talking to the teacher.
- 5.
☐ Heidi is German. She comes from Berlin.
☐ Heidi is German. She's coming from Berlin.
- 6.
☐ Why aren't you having a coffee?
☐ Why you no having a coffee?

Reading and speaking | What are they doing?

1. What do you usually do on Saturday? On your birthday? On Christmas Day? On Sunday evening?

2. Look at the photos. Where are the people? What are they doing?

3. Read about Mark and Isabel and/or Jia and Leo and answer the questions.

1. What day is it?
2. What does he/she usually do on this day?
3. Why is today different?
4. What is he/she doing?
5. What happened this morning?
6. What is he/she wearing?

4. Read these lines. Which of the four people do you think wrote them? Who to?

1. Thank you for everything, Mum and Dad! It was a great day! We're driving to the airport now. We're so excited – Barbados tomorrow. Love you!
2. I'm sitting on the plane at last. I'm doing some work preparing for my meeting. I forgot to bring the annual report. Can you email it to me?
3. Thanks for the fabulous hamburgers! I'm still full! Do you know it's snowing back home? I can't believe it!
4. Hi guys! Thanks for coming! It's two o'clock in the morning now and I'm going to bed at last. I hope you all did.

Today's different!

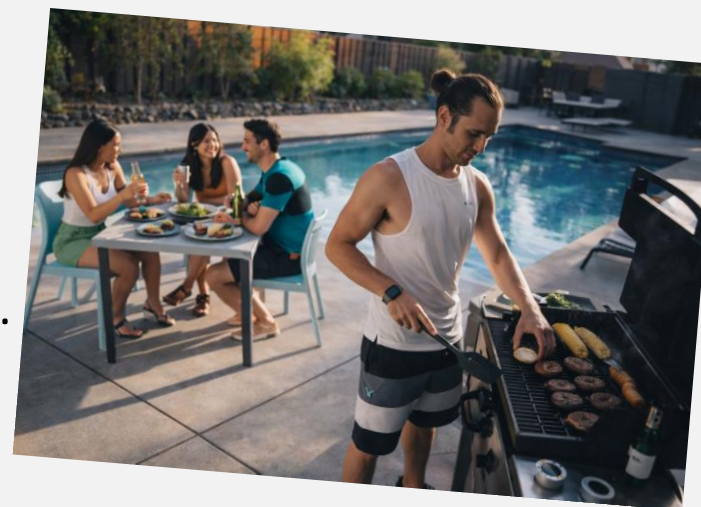
Mark

On Christmas Day we usually all go to my parents' house. We open our presents, then have a big

lunch at about 2.00 in the afternoon.

But this Christmas is different!

Mark and his wife are in Australia. They're visiting friends. This morning they went to the beach, and now they're having a Christmas barbecue next to the swimming pool. It's hot and they're wearing T-shirts and shorts.



Isabel

On Saturday mornings I usually get up late and do the housework. Then I meet some friends in town for lunch, and go shopping in the afternoon.

But this Saturday is different!

This morning Isabel got up early because today is her wedding day. She's with all her family and friends in church and she's getting married. She's wearing a white dress, and her new husband is standing next to her.

A lot of people are taking photos.



Jia

I work in a busy office in the centre of Beijing. I usually hate Sunday evenings because that's when I get ready for my week at work.

But this Sunday evening is different!

Jia is getting ready to go on a business trip to London tomorrow. This morning she practised her English, then she had lunch with friends. Now she is packing her bags. She's trying on a new suit. She's enjoying this Sunday evening because she's so excited about her trip.



Leo

On my birthday I sometimes go out with friends, or I go out to a restaurant with my family.

My mum usually makes me a birthday cake.

But this birthday is different!

It's Leo's eighteenth birthday, so now he's an adult. This morning he got a lot of presents. Now he's having a big party with all his friends. They're dancing and drinking beer. Leo's wearing a greyish T-shirt.



Vocabulary and listening | Opposite verbs

1. Look at the two sentences. Underline the verbs with opposite meanings.

The teacher's asking us questions. We're answering them.

2. Match the verbs with their opposites.

take off | go to bed | lose | run | close | play | sell |
hate | turn off | arrive | finish | forget

- 1. win — _____
- 2. leave — arrive
- 3. put on — _____
- 4. work — _____
- 5. remember — _____
- 6. buy — _____
- 7. get up — _____
- 8. walk — _____
- 9. start — _____
- 10. love — _____
- 11. turn on — _____
- 12. open — _____

3. Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with the opposite verb in the correct form.



1. Please, don't **ask** me any more questions. I can't _____ them.

2. I'm **selling** my old car and I'm _____ a new one.

3. We always **get up** at 7:00 in the morning and _____ at 11:00 at night.

4. It was cold, so Tom **took off** his T-shirt and _____ a warm jumper.

5. I usually **walk** to school, but yesterday I was late so I _____ all the way.

6. John's playing tennis with Peter today. He always **loses**. He never _____.

7. Don't **turn off** the TV, I'm watching it! Please _____ it _____ again!

Listen and check. 🎧_{13.9}

4. Listen. Write down the opposite verbs in each conversation. 🎧_{13.10}

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| 1. hate, love | 3. _____, _____ | 5. _____, _____ |
| 2. _____, _____ | 4. _____, _____ | 6. _____, _____ |



1. What's the matter with the people? Complete the sentences with words below.

tired | worried | angry | a cold | a headache | bored | hungry | thirsty | cold | hot



1. She's cold.



2. He's _____.



3. They're _____.



4. He's _____.



5. He's _____.



6. They're _____.



7. She's _____.



8. She's _____.



9. He has _____.



10. She has _____.

2. Listen and check.  13.11

2. Complete the conversations with words from exercise 1.



1.
A: What's the matter?
B: I'm 1 _____ and 2 _____.
A: Why don't you have a cup of tea?
B: That's a good idea.
A: Sit down. I'll make it for you.



2.
C: What's the matter?
D: I have a bad 3 _____.
C: Oh dear! Why don't you take some aspirin?
D: I don't have any.
C: It's OK. I have some.

3. Have similar conversations. Use the words from exercise 1 and these ideas.

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| • have a cold shower | • put on a jumper | • watch a movie |
| • go to bed early | • sit down and relax | • have a cold drink |
| • go to the movies | • have a sandwich | • talk to a friend |

Present Continuous

Positive

I	am	studying.
He/She/It	is	
You We They	are	

Negative

I	'm not	studying.
He/She/It	Isn't	
You We They	aren't	

Questions with words

What	am I	studying?
	is he	
	Is she	
	are you are we are they	

Yes/No questions and short answers

Are you wearing a skirt?	Yes, I am . No, I'm not .
Is she reading a magazine?	Yes, she is . No, she isn't .

Present Simple and Present Continuous

1. We use the Present Simple to talk about actions that are true for all time or a long time.

Paolo **comes** from Portugal.
I **love** you.
My mother **works** in a bank.
I **get up** at 8.30 every day.
She **doesn't understand** Italian.

2. We use the Present Continuous to talk about actions that last a short time. The actions are happening now.

I usually wear jeans, but today I'm **wearing** a suit.
He speaks Japanese very well. He's **speaking** Japanese to that man.
It's **raining**.
They're **singing**.
We're **playing** soccer.