Material name: Describing current activities
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What are you doing in this moment? What are your friends doing in this moment?
Find out different ways in which you can describe current activities. This is an A1 level competence, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/source/framework_en.pdf page 24).

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• Current activities (use)
• Use of the verb to be.
• Examples of current activities
• Models to describe current activities
• Conclusion
• References
**Current activities**

**NOTE:** We use the present continuous to describe activities that are happening **in this moment**
Use of verb to be...

- I → am
- You → are
- He, She, It → is teaching
- We, You, They → are
Affirmative

She is texting her friend in this moment

Figure 1
Example: They are not resting at home.
Interrogative

Are they having fun?
Dear Alice

I am in vacations with my family in Cancun. I am staying here for one week in a beautiful hotel. The hotel has an amazing view to the sea. I am enjoying with the people in the hot weather. My mother is swimming in the sea. My father is in a cruise; My cousins are dancing, eating, drinking and admiring the view.

I hope you were here, It is a great experience.

Regards

Mary
It’s a rainy Saturday. **It’s raining** a lot and Mary and her family are **spending** the afternoon at home. Her uncles are **visiting** them. Mary and her father are in the living room. Mary is **making** a draw and her father, Mr. Harris, is **surfing** the net. They are also **talking**.

Mary’s older brother, Peter, is **in his bedroom playing** computer games. He is a computer fanatic and he spends much time playing on the computer. His little brother, Jim is also in the living room. He is **playing** with his dinosaurs’ collection. Sometimes he teases Mary, he is a really naughty boy.

Mary’s mother, Mrs. Harris, is **in the kitchen preparing** a snack for all of them. She is **making** some tea and **talking** to Mary’s uncles – Lucy and Tom. They are from the nearest town and stopped by to say hello.
When you want to express current activities you can say:

- **I am doing exercise** in this moment
- **I am not watching** TV
- **What are you doing?**
- **Pepe is sleeping now.**
- **Karla is teaching** in this moment?
• The grammar aquarium (page on line) taken from: http://perso.wanadoo.es/autoenglish/freeexercises.htm
• Model 2 text taken from: http://es.scribd.com/doc/202630972/Reading-Comprehension-Present-Continuous#scribd

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• Figure 2. Some people in a river [image] (2014) Retrieved from http://www.elcivics.com/lifeskills/summer-vacation-2.html
• Figure 3. Happy face [image] (2014) Retrieved from: http://enlishtips4u.com/2013/02/04/enggame-can-you-guess-what-they-are-doing/
Thank you!
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