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### The Present Progessive Tense, Information Questions, Short Answer Questions, Short Answers

What's she doing?
She's pouring a cup of tea.
Is she pouring a cup of tea?
Yes, she is.
Is she drinking a cup of tea?
No she isn't.
What's she doing?
She's pouring a cup of tea.



What's she doing?
She's drinking a cup of coffee.
Is she drinking a cup of coffee?
Yes, she is.
Is she pouring a cup of coffee?
No, she isn't.
What's she doing?
She's drinking a cup of coffee.



The present progressive is used to talk about what is happening right now.

She is pouring a cup of tea.
She is drinking a cup of coffee.

A sentence in the present progressive can begin with a contraction.

She's pouring a cup of tea.
She's drinking a cup of coffee.

Information questions in the present progressive begin with a question word.

What is she doing?

Sometimes information questions begin with a contraction.

Short Answer questions in the present progressive begin with Be.

Is she drinking a cup of tea?
Are you pouring a cup of coffee?

Short Answers contain the subject and Be.

A negative short answer usually has a contraction.

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What are you doing?
I'm holding a cat.
Are you holding Fred?
Yes, I am.
Is Fred a cat?
Yes, he is.
Are you holding a dog?
No, I'm not.
Is Fred a dog?
No, he isn't.



What is Fred doing? Fred is playing with a ribbon. Is he sleeping? No, he's isn't. Is he playing with a ribbon? Yes, he is.



What's he doing? He's sleeping. Is he playing? No, he isn't. Is he sleeping? Yes, he is.



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What are you doing? We're taking pictures. Are you watching TV? No, we aren't. Are you taking pictures? Yes, we are.



Sometimes the main verb has a spelling change in the present progressive tense.

## **Spelling Rules**

1. When a verb ends in a consonant and e, drop the e and add ing.

2. When a verb ends in one vowel and one consonant, double the consonant and add ing.

But, there is an exception to this rule. When a verb ends in w, x, or y, do not double these consonants.

3. When a verb ends in two consonants, do not double the consonant.

drink = drinking hold = holding watch = watching fish = fishing jump = jumping talk = talking walk = walking

4. When a verb ends in two vowels and one consonant, do not double the consonant.

pour = pouring eat = eating feed = feeding sleep = sleeping cook = cooking read = reading

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They're fishing.



She's holding a baby.



They're running.



They're dancing.



They're riding horses.





She's feeding the birds. He's using the computer.

We're



He's sewing.



I'm playing the accordion.



We're hugging.



She's sleeping.



They're jumping into the pool.



He's talking.



He's driving.



They're walking.



He's cooking.



He's reading.

# The Present Progessive Tense, Information Questions, Short Answer Questions, Short Answers Answer each question with a complete sentence.



## The Present Progessive Tense, Information Questions, Short Answer Questions, Short Answers



13. What are they doing? \_\_\_\_\_



14. What's he doing? \_\_\_\_\_



15. What's he doing?



16. What are they doing? \_\_\_\_\_



17. What's he doing? \_\_\_\_\_



18. What's he doing? \_\_\_\_\_

## The Present Progessive Tense, Information Questions, Short Answer Questions, Short Answers

Answer each question with a complete sentence.



1. Is he eating? \_\_\_\_\_



7. Is she sewing? \_\_\_\_\_



2. Are they dancing? \_\_\_\_\_\_



8. Is he using the computer?



3. Is she holding a baby?



9. Is he feeding the birds?



4. Are they riding horses? \_\_\_\_\_



10. Are *you* sleeping? \_\_\_\_\_



5. Are they fishing? \_\_\_\_\_



YES, WE ARE.

11. Are *you* hugging? \_\_\_\_\_



6. Are they running? \_\_\_\_\_



12. Is she playing the accordion? \_\_\_\_\_

## The Present Progessive Tense, Information Questions, Short Answer Questions. Short Answers



13.Are they jumping into the pool? \_\_\_\_\_



14. Is he reading? \_\_\_\_\_



15. Is he driving? \_\_\_\_\_



16. Are they cooking? \_\_\_\_\_



17. Is he walking?



18. Is he talking?

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#### **BOARD GAME #1**

Directions: Student A rolls the dice and moves to the indicated space. Student B asks the question. If Student A answers correctly, he/she remains on the space. If the answer is incorrect, he/she moves back one space. Continue until a student reaches the finish space.

START	WHAT'S HE DOING?	WHAT'S SHE DOING?	WHAT ARE THEY DOING?	LOSE YOUR TURN	WHAT IS HE DOING?	WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
						WHAT IS HE DOING?
GO BACK ONE SPACE	WHAT ARE THEY DOING?	WHAT IS HE DOING?	TAKE ANOTHER TURN	WHAT IS SHE DOING?	WHAT IS HE DOING?	JUMP AHEAD TWO SPACES
WHAT IS HE DOING?						
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?	JUMP AHEAD ONE SPACE	WHAT IS SHE DOING?	LOSE YOUR TURN	TAKE THE SHORTCUT	WHAT IS HE DOING?	GO BACK TWO SPACES
						WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
FINISH	JUMP AHEAD ONE SPACE	WHAT IS HE DOING?	GO BACK ONE SPACE	WHAT ARE THEY DOING?	WHAT ARE THEY DOING?	TAKE ANOTHER TURN

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#### **BOARD GAME #2**

Directions: Student A rolls the dice and moves to the indicated space. Student B asks the question. If Student A answers correctly, he/she remains on the space. If the answer is incorrect, he/she moves back one space. Continue until a student reaches the finish space.

START	IS HE EATING?	IS SHE USING THE COMPUTER?	ARE THEY DANCING?	LOSE YOUR TURN	IS HE READING?	ARE THEY RUNNING?
						IS HE FISHING?
GO BACK ONE SPACE	ARE THEY HUGGING?	IS HE COOKING?	TAKE ANOTHER TURN	IS SHE FEEDING THE BIRDS ?	IS HE DRIVING?	JUMP AHEAD TWO SPACES
IS HE TALKING?						
ARE THEY RIDING HORSEST?	JUMP AHEAD ONE SPACE	IS SHE SEWING?	LOSE YOUR TURN	TAKE THE SHORTCUT	IS HE SLEEPING?	GO BACK TWO SPACES
						ARE THEY PLAYING THE ACCORDION?
FINISH	JUMP AHEAD ONE SPACE	IS HE HOLDING A BABY?	GO BACK ONE SPACE	ARE THEY JUMPING INTO THE POOL?	ARE THEY WALKING?	TAKE ANOTHER TURN