

ENGLISH 3AC · SEMESTER 1

Unit 7 (Entertainment)

English 3AC Unit 7 (Entertainment) teaches you to describe actions happening now. A pupil is reading, two classmates are watching a show, and someone is listening to a story. Build the present continuous with am, is or are plus a verb ending in ing, then use it in a short report.

Key points

- Present continuous uses am/is/are plus verb-ing.
- It describes actions in progress now in this lesson.
- Negatives put not after be: He isn't reading.
- Write becomes writing; run becomes running; play becomes playing.
- Listen takes to before an object: listening to a story.
- Describe evidence in a scene without inventing feelings or routines.

Learning goals

- Name entertainment activities.
- Describe an action happening now.
- Choose the correct form of be.
- Spell common ing forms.
- Make present continuous negatives.
- Write a short scene description.

Communication: what is happening at the club?

Describe what you can observe at the moment: The pupils are watching a puppet show. A present continuous report is useful when an activity is happening as you speak. It does not tell us that the same activity happens every day.

A live classroom report

At the reading club, Adam is reading a comic. Bilal and Hamza are watching a puppet show. Sami is listening to an audio story. The club leader is preparing the next activity.

Entertainment



They are watching a show.



He is listening to a story.



He is reading.

be + verb-ing

Describe an action happening now with am, is or are followed by a verb ending in ing.

Vocabulary: watch, listen and read

Activity	Useful expression	Example
A performance	watch a show	They are watching a show.
An audio story	listen to a story	He is listening to a story.
A book or comic	read a comic	I am reading a comic.
Making a picture	draw a picture	We are drawing a picture.

Watch usually describes looking at an activity over time. Listen to directs attention to sound and needs to before the object: listen to a story. Read concerns written words. Choose the verb that actually matches the activity, not just one you remember easily.

Grammar: how do you form the present continuous?

Present continuous Use subject + am/is/are + verb-ing for an action in progress now: I am reading. He is drawing. They are watching a show.

Subject	Positive	Negative
I	I am reading.	I am not reading.
He / She / It	He is reading.	He isn't reading.
You / We / They	They are reading.	They aren't reading.

Both parts are needed. He reading is missing be. He is read is missing the ing form. The subject decides am, is or are; the action verb then takes ing. Now, at the moment and Look! often signal a current action, although meaning remains the main guide.

Do not use don't or doesn't inside this present continuous pattern. He doesn't reading is incorrect. Say He isn't reading. Keep the negative with be.

Grammar: spelling verb-ing

Pattern	Base verb	Ing form
Usually add ing	read / watch / play	reading / watching / playing
Drop a final silent e	write / make	writing / making
Double the final consonant in these short verbs	sit / run	sitting / running
Change ie to y	lie	lying

For run and sit, one short stressed vowel is followed by one final consonant, which doubles. Do not apply this blindly to every verb: reading keeps one d, and playing keeps y. When unsure, check the specific word and write it in a complete sentence.

Build a scene sentence

- Identify the person or group.
- Choose am, is or are from that subject.
- Write the action in its correct ing form.
- Add an object or place, then check that the action is happening now.

From a note to a sentence

Note: Bilal / write / a club report / now. Sentence: Bilal is writing a club report now.

- Bilal takes is. Write loses final silent e before ing.

Spelling verb-ing



Add ing to read, drop the final e from write, and double the final n in run: reading, writing, running.

Study skills: observe, then describe

Look at a scene for ten seconds and choose three clear actions. Write one sentence for each. If an action cannot be seen or is not given in the text, do not invent it. A reading character does not automatically tell you whether he enjoys the book.

Skills work: reading a club update

It is four o'clock at the school club. Adam is reading a comic near the window. Bilal and Hamza are watching a puppet show at the small stage. Sami is listening to a story with headphones. The club leader is writing the next activity on the board. Nobody is playing a computer game. The boys are staying in their activity groups.

The passage gives a current time and four actions. Match each name to its verb before answering. Nobody is playing rejects that activity; it should not appear on your list of things happening now.

Skills work: listening and writing a live update

A partner reads twice: "Adam is reading. Bilal and Hamza are watching a show. Sami is not playing a game; he is listening to a story." Record the three activities and the rejected activity. Then write a 50-word update from an invented boys' club or girls' club, keeping the group separate.

Review: combine meaning and form

- Name an action you can describe with be + ing.
- Make a current action negative using be.
- Spell writing, running and playing.
- Explain why a scene does not prove a person's feelings or regular habits.

Exercises: try before reading the answers

1. Match an entertainment verb

Choose watch, listen to or read for a written comic, an audio story and a puppet performance.

2. Choose be for an action

Complete: I ... reading. Adam ... drawing. The boys ... watching a show.

3. Add ing

Write the ing forms of read, play, watch and listen.

4. Negate a current action

Make negative: He is reading. They are watching. I am drawing.

5. Check final e

Write complete sentences: Bilal / write / now. The leader / make / a poster / now.

6. Double or keep?

Write ing forms: run, sit, read and play.

7. Keep both verb parts

Correct the missing parts: He reading a comic. They are watch a show. I listening to a story.

8. Read the four activities

Use the club update. What are Adam, Bilal and Hamza, Sami, and the leader doing?

9. Evidence or assumption?

The passage says Adam is reading a comic. Does that prove he reads comics every day or enjoys this one?

10. Edit a live report

Correct: The boys is watching. Bilal is writeing. Sami doesn't listening a story.

11. Listen for the rejected action

Have a partner read the listening script. Name Sami's actual activity and the activity he is not doing.

12. Write a current scene

Write 45-65 words about a fictional single-gender club. Include four current actions, one plural subject and one negative.

Answers and explanations

1. Match an entertainment verb

Read a comic; listen to an audio story; watch a puppet performance. Match the verb to written words, sound or a visible performance.

2. Choose be for an action

I am reading. Adam is drawing. The boys are watching a show. Match the form of be to the subject.

3. Add ing

Reading, playing, watching and listening. These four verbs add ing without changing their base spelling.

4. Negate a current action

He isn't reading. They aren't watching. I am not drawing. The negative attaches to be, not to a do auxiliary.

5. Check final e

Bilal is writing now. The leader is making a poster now. Write and make lose their final silent e before ing.

6. Double or keep?

Running, sitting, reading and playing. Only the two short verbs run and sit double their final consonants here.

7. Keep both verb parts

He is reading a comic. They are watching a show. I am listening to a story. A present continuous sentence needs both be and verb-ing.

8. Read the four activities

Adam is reading a comic. Bilal and Hamza are watching a puppet show. Sami is listening to a story. The leader is writing on the board.

9. Evidence or assumption?

Neither claim is proved. The passage describes a current action, not a daily routine or Adam's feelings about the comic.

10. Edit a live report

The boys are watching. Bilal is writing. Sami isn't listening to a story. Fix plural be, final-e spelling, continuous negation and listen to.

11. Listen for the rejected action

Sami is listening to a story. He is not playing a game. The negative rejects playing and the second clause gives the actual action.

12. Write a current scene

Model: It is four o'clock in our boys' reading club. Adam is reading a comic near the window. Two pupils are watching a puppet show. Sami is listening to a story with headphones. Our club leader is writing an instruction on the board. We aren't playing computer games today.

Check all be + ing forms, subject agreement and one clear negative. Keep the scene factual and modest.

Frequently asked questions

What grammar is taught in English 3AC Unit 7 Entertainment?

The unit focuses on present continuous statements and negatives for actions happening now. Build

them with am/is/are plus verb-ing and practise common spelling changes.

How do I form the present continuous?

Write a subject, the matching form of be and a verb ending in ing: I am reading, He is drawing, They are watching. Both verb parts are necessary.

How do I make the present continuous negative?

Put not after be and keep the ing form: He is not reading or He isn't reading. Do not combine doesn't with reading in this tense.

Why do writing and running have different spelling changes?

Write drops a final silent e before ing. Run doubles its final consonant in the short stressed-vowel pattern. Learn the particular forms and apply them in complete sentences.

Does present continuous describe a regular entertainment habit?

In this lesson it describes what is happening now. A regular habit normally uses present simple: He reads every evening. A current scene alone does not prove a routine.

Revision resource: follow the units, instructions and pace set by your teacher.

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