

LESSON 43

Present Continuous Tense— Wh Questions and Short Answers

Ask Wh Questions in the present continuous tense to get information about what is happening *right now*.

What, Where, and Why Questions	Short Answers
What are you watching? Where are you going? Why are you crying?	A video. To the movies. Because I'm sad.
Who Questions—Use <i>Who is</i> when you want to know <i>who is doing something</i>.	
Who is (Who's) babysitting? Who is (Who's) watching TV?	Kelly is. The twins are.
Special Questions	
How is (How's) it going? How are you doing? What are you doing?	Fine. Fine. And you? Reading.
Use <i>When</i> with the present continuous tense to ask about the future.	
When are you coming home?	After the movie.



A Emily and Rick are out for the evening. The babysitter is talking to Emily. Listen to the conversation. Then match the questions and answers.



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| d | 1. How's it going? | a. Watching TV. |
| | 2. What's the baby doing? | b. Because she wants her Mommy. |
| | 3. What are the boys doing? | c. To the movies. |
| | 4. Why is Janie crying? | d. Fine. |
| | 5. Where are the parents going? | e. After the movie. |
| | 6. When are the parents coming home? | f. Sleeping. |

B It is one hour later. What's happening? Put the words in the correct order to make Wh questions.

1. doing/babysitter/is/the/What *What is the babysitter doing?*
2. doing/baby/is/the/What
3. What/Janie/doing/is
4. wearing/Janie/What/is
5. twins/are/What/the/doing
6. the/twins/are/wearing/What

C Look at the picture. Write answers to the questions in Exercise B.

1. a. (hold) *She's holding* the baby.
- b. (give) the baby
 a bottle.
- c. (sit) in a rocking
 chair.
2. (drink)
3. (sleep)
4. (wear) pajamas.
5. (watch) TV.
6. (wear) pajamas.



D Write questions for the answers. Look at the picture in Exercise A.

1. (Who) *is crying* ? Janie is.
2. (Why) ? Because she wants her mommy.
3. (Who) ? The twins are.
4. (Where) ? To the movies.
5. (Why) ? Because they want to have a nice evening together.
6. (When) ? After the movie.
7. (How) ? The children are fine.