



Now and then: Let's go shopping

Inglés 1º de Nivel Básico A1

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Lesson

Now and then
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Top tips

In this unit you will learn:

- Some interesting facts about the currency of English-speaking countries
- The difference in currencies between the United Kingdom and Ireland
- Vocabulary related to SHOPPING
- Vocabulary related to SHOPS
- How to say prices in English
- Vocabulary related to CLOTHES
- To describe what someone is wearing
- To interact in a shopping context
- To use the present continuous tense



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1. Money talks



Focus on

CURRENCY ISSUES

€=euro

Pablo and Beatriz are surprised to learn on their online course that Ir the pound, not the euro.

So Peter is preparing a special session online to go through the diffe



Do it yourself



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Listen to what Peter says in class.



Then answer the questions below.

1. What is the currency in Scotland?

- ☐ a) Euro
- ☐ b) Pound sterling

Solution

- 1. Incorrect
- 2. Correct

2. Big shops in London accept...

- ☐ a) only Euros
- ☐ b) both Pounds and Euros
- ☐ c) only Pounds Sterling

Solution

- 1. Incorrect
- 2. Correct
- 3. Incorrect

3. The letters GBP mean:

- ☐ A) Great Britain Party
- ☐ b) the same as the symbol £

Solution

- 1. Incorrect
- 2. Correct

4. 65p is pronounced:

- ☐ a) sixty-five pence
- ☐ b) sixty-five pee
- ☐ c) both of the above

Solution

1. Incorrect
2. Incorrect
3. Correct

5. The Queen's head appears on:

- ☐ a) both the notes and the coins
- ☐ b) the notes
- ☐ c) the coins

Solution

1. Correct
2. Incorrect
3. Incorrect

6. How much is a quid?

- ☐ a) five pounds
- ☐ b) one pound
- ☐ c) ten pounds

Solution

1. Incorrect
2. Correct

3. Incorrect

1.1. Money, money, money



Do it yourself

Read the text and complete the table below

Currencies in English-speaking countries



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British money is measured in pounds sterling and pence, though people mostly just say pounds and pence. 100 pence = 1 pound. Currency is either written as 50GBP or £50, with coins less than £1 called pence or p. (50 pence = 50p, or half of a pound). Collectively, paper money is known as notes.

American money is divided into dollars and cents. 100 cents = 1 dollar. Currency is either written as USD100 or \$100, with coins less than 1 dollar called cents and written as 50¢. Collectively, paper money is known as bills.

Currency in Canada is also called dollars and cents. It is written as 1CAD, C\$1 or \$1. Collectively, paper money is called bills.

In Australia, money is divided into dollars and cents. Collectively, Australian dollars are called notes.

New Zealand currency is divided into dollars and cents. Collectively, New Zealand dollars are called notes. It is written as 50NZD, NZ\$50 or \$50.

Source: Adapted from <http://kaplaninternational.com/blog/quick-english-money-talks/>

Country	Currency	Value of currency unit	How to write it	Name for paper money
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UK	<input type="text"/> Sterling	100 <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> £1	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	Dollars	100 cents	<input type="text"/> \$1	<input type="text"/>
CANADA	<input type="text"/>	100 <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> C\$1 \$1	bills
<input type="text"/>	Dollars	100 cents	(doesn't say)	<input type="text"/>
NEW ZEALAND	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> cents	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> \$1 \$1	notes

Country	Currency	Value of currency unit	How to write it	Name for paper money
UK	Pounds Sterling	100 pence	1GBP £1	notes
USA	Dollars	100 cents	USD1 \$1	bills
CANADA	Dollars	100 cents	1CAD C\$1	bills

			\$1	
AUSTRALIA	Dollars	100 cents	(doesn't say)	notes
NEW ZEALAND	Dollars	100 cents	1NZD NZ\$1 \$1	notes













2. Shopping



Do it yourself

SHOPPING

Read the text with the pictograms

On Saturdays I like to go shopping to a  to  the things I need. The shop assistant is the person who  and the  is the person at the . They usually ask me if I want to pay in cash ( and ) or by . Some things are very  and I can't buy them but then, when they are on  , they are  ! I always ask for a .

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Now substitute the pictures for the appropriate word

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Now listen & check



On Saturdays I like to go shopping to a mall to buy the things I need. The shop assistant is the person who sells and the cashier is the person at the cash register. They usually ask me if I want to pay in cash (notes and coins) or by credit card. Some things are very expensive and I can't buy them but then, when they are on sale, they are cheap! I always ask for a receipt.



Ask and answer the questions in pairs. You can do this task with a partner. This task is not evaluated by the tutor: How often do you go shopping? Do you like shopping?

2.1. Shops



Do it yourself



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Picture 02

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Picture 03

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Picture 05

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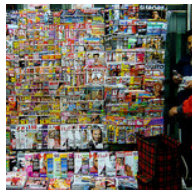
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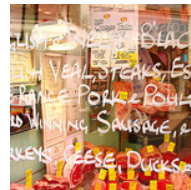
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Picture 09

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Picture 10

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Match the pictures above with the names of the shops:

Picture → Baker's

Picture → Bookshop

Picture → Butcher's

Picture → Chemist's

Picture → Department store

Picture → Flea market

Picture → Greengrocer's

Picture → Newsagent's

Picture → Shoe shop

Picture → Supermarket

Picture 03 → Baker's

Picture 02 → Bookshop

Picture 10 → Butcher's

Picture 01 → Chemist's

Picture 04 → Department store

Picture 06 → Flea market

Picture 07 → Greengrocer's

Picture 08 → Newsagent's

Picture 05 → Shoe shop

Picture 09 → Supermarket



Do it yourself

Choose the best answer for the following questions:

1. Where can you buy different types of things in different sections? At the
2. Where can you buy food and other products for the home? At the
3. Where can you buy old things? At the
4. Where do you buy books? At the
5. Where do you buy bread and cakes? At the
6. Where do you buy fruit and vegetables? At the
7. Where do you buy meat? At the
8. Where do you buy newspapers and magazines? At the
9. Where do you buy sells medicines, beauty products, and toiletries? At the
10. Where do you buy shoes? At the

1. Where can you buy different types of things in different sections? At the department store
 2. Where can you buy food and other products for the home? At the supermarket
 3. Where can you buy old things? At the flea market
 4. Where do you buy books? At the bookshop
 5. Where do you buy bread and cakes? At the baker's
 6. Where do you buy fruit and vegetables? At the greengrocer's
 7. Where do you buy meat? At the butcher's
 8. Where do you buy newspapers and magazines? At the newsagent's
 9. Where do you buy sells medicines, beauty products, and toiletries? At the chemist's
 10. Where do you buy shoes? At the shoe shop
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Ask and answer the questions in pairs:

- What shops can you find near your house?
 - What can you buy there?
-

2.2. Prices



How to say prices in English

QUESTION:

How much is it/this?

OR

How much are they/these?

ANSWER:

- It's \$10.75 =
It's ten (dollars) seventy-five
- It's £2.50 =
It's two (pounds) fifty
- It's €18.25 =
It's eighteen (euros) twenty-five

Imagen de elaboración propia



Do it yourself

Watch the presentation and answer the questions below. Write numbers in words.

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1. How much is the lamp? It's
2. How much is the office chair? It's -
3. How much is the camera? It's -
4. How much is the bed? It's
5. How much is the table? It's -
6. How much is the house? It's

7. How much is the T-shirt? It's -
8. How much are the shoes? They're -
9. How much are the roller skates? They're -
10. How much is the watch? It's

1. How much is the lamp? It's thirty euros
2. How much is the office chair? It's forty-nine pounds
3. How much is the camera? It's twenty-one dollars
4. How much is the bed? It's two hundred euros
5. How much is the table? It's ninety-five pounds
6. How much is the house? It's one hundred thousand dollars
7. How much is the T-shirt? It's eleven euros thirty-five
8. How much are the shoes? They're forty-five pounds fifty
9. How much are the roller skates? They're sixty-three pounds twenty-five
10. How much is the watch? It's three hundred and forty dollars



The right price

A friend of yours would like to buy his father a present for Christmas. He has shown you a list with pictures and prices but he doesn't know what to choose. Look at the pictures in the previous exercise above and help him choose the right present. Talk for about 2-3 minutes.

2.3. Clothes



ACCESSORIES

Listen and Repeat



a BELT

/belt/



a BRACELET EARRINGS

/'breɪslət/



/'ɪərɪŋ/



GLASSES

/'glɑːsɪz/



a HANDBAG

/'hæn(d)
,bæg/



a HAT

/hæt/



a
NECKLACE

/'nekləs/



a RING

/rɪŋ/



a SCARF

/skaː(r)f/



SUNGLASSES

/'sʌŋ,glɑːsɪz/



a TIE

/taɪ/



a WATCH

/wɒtʃ/

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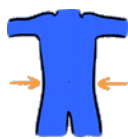
Answer the following questions (say the words aloud):



1. What do you wear on your ear?

2. What do you wear in front of your eyes?

3. What do you wear on a finger?



4. What do you wear on your head?

5. What do you use to carry money and keys?

6. What do you wear around your neck?

7. What do you wear around your wrist?

8. What do you wear when the sun is bright?

9. What do you wear around your waist?

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1. Earrings
2. Glasses, Sunglasses
3. A ring
4. A hat
5. A handbag
6. A scarf, a tie, a necklace
7. A watch, a bracelet
8. Sunglasses, a hat
9. A belt

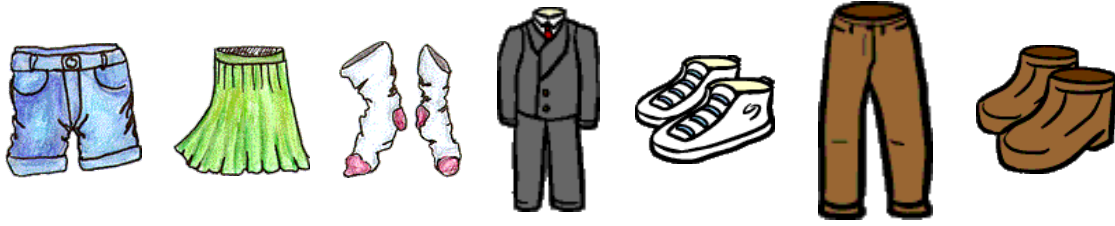


CLOTHES

Listen and repeat



a BLOUSE	a COAT	a DRESS	a JACKET	JEANS	a T-SHIRT	a SHIRT
/blaʊz/	/kəʊt/	/dres/	/ˈdʒækɪt/	/dʒiːnz/	/tiːʃɜː(r)t/	/ʃɜː(r)t/



SHORTS	a SKIRT	SOCKS	a SUIT	TRAINERS	TROUSERS	SHOES
/ʃɔː(r)ts/	/skɜː(r)t/	/sɒks/	/suːt/	/ˈtreɪnə(r)z/	/ˈtraʊzə(r)z/	/ʃuːz/

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Answer the following questions (say the words aloud):

1. Which items of clothing are just for women?
2. Which accessories and items of clothing are plural and have no singular forms?
3. Which items of clothing do you wear just on the upper part of your body?
4. Which items of clothing do you wear just on the lower part of your body?
5. Which items of clothing do you wear on your feet?

1. A dress, a blouse, a skirt
2. Shorts, jeans, trousers, glasses, sunglasses, trainers.

Socks, earrings and shoes are usually plural but have a singular form. You can say "a sock", "an earring" or "a shoe". You can't say "a shorts" but rather you say "a pair of shorts", "a pair of jeans", "a pair of trousers", "a pair of glasses" and "a pair of sunglasses".

3. A blouse, a jacket, a t-shirt, a shirt.
4. Jeans, shorts, a skirt, trousers.
5. Socks, trainers, shoes.



You need to do this task aloud individually.



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- What's your favourite clothes shop? What do you usually buy there?
- Do you like T-shirts? When do you wear them?
- How many pairs of shoes do you have?
- How often do you wear

-A suit?

-A skirt?

-A dress?

-jeans?

- What colour clothes do/don't you like wearing?
-

2.3.1. What are you wearing!?



Do it yourself

Describing what people are wearing

Match the pictures with the statements below:

Picture 01



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Picture 02

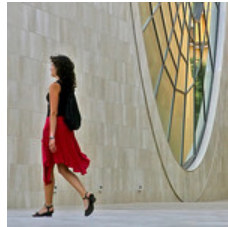


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Picture 03

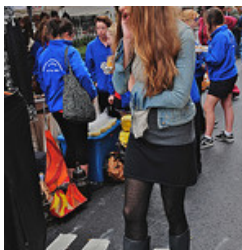


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Picture 04



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Picture 05



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Picture 06



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Picture 07



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Picture 08

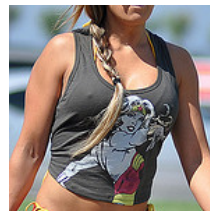


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Picture 09



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Picture 10



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Picture ☐ - He's wearing a T-shirt, trousers, shoes and a hat.

Picture ☐ - She's wearing a black skirt and boots.

Picture ☐ - He's wearing a coat, a scarf, a hat and sunglasses.

Picture ☐ - She's wearing a red skirt and a black top.

Picture ☐ - He's wearing a shirt, trousers and sandals.

Picture ☐ - She's wearing a red top and white shorts and a hat.

Picture - He's wearing a coat and a scarf.

Picture - She's wearing a white dress.

Picture - He's wearing a suit and glasses.

Picture - She's wearing a grey top.

Picture 09 - He's wearing a T-shirt, trousers, shoes and a hat.

Picture 03 - She's wearing a black skirt and boots.

Picture 04 - He's wearing a coat, a scarf, a hat and sunglasses.

Picture 02 - She's wearing a red skirt and a black top.

Picture 06 - He's wearing a shirt, a jacket, trousers and sandals.

Picture 07 - She's wearing a red top and white shorts and a hat.

Picture 10 - He's wearing a coat and a scarf.

Picture 05 - She's wearing a white dress.

Picture 01 - He's wearing a suit and glasses.

Picture 02 - She's wearing a red skirt and a black top.



Write a short paragraph describing what you are wearing today.

You can use the texts [here](#) >> [Documento de descarga](#) as a model.

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COMMON MISTAKES



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Make sure you avoid making the following common mistakes:

- ~~*I'm wearing red skirt.*~~

Remember to use the indefinite article in front of singular items of clothing.

*I'm wearing **a** red skirt.*

- ~~*I'm wearing a jeans.*~~

Remember **not** to use the indefinite article in front of plural items of clothing. Revise [here](#).

I'm wearing jeans.

- ~~*I wear boots.*~~

Use the present continuous, not the present simple, to describe what you are wearing right now, at the moment of speaking. Learn more [here](#).

I'm wearing boots.

2.4. Shopping for clothes



Do it yourself

Wendy goes shopping

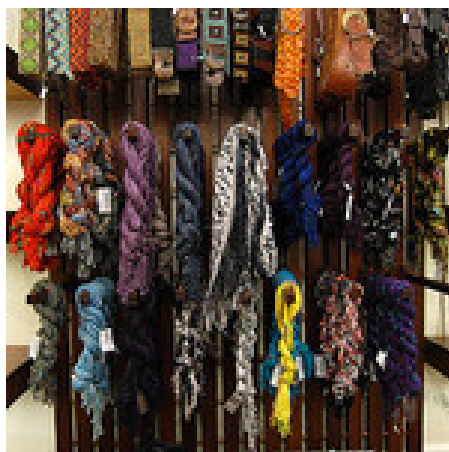


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Listen to the conversation and choose the best answer:



1. Wendy would like to buy a present for...

- ☐ ...her mum
- ☐ ...a friend
- ☐ ...her boyfriend

Solution

1. Correct
2. Incorrect
3. Incorrect

2. The first scarf...

- ☐ ...has red flowers painted on it.
- ☐ ...is very beautiful.
- ☐ ...isn't cheap enough.

Solution

1. Incorrect
2. Incorrect
3. Correct

3. Wendy thinks her mother...

- ☐ ...would love the second scarf
- ☐ ...wouldn't like the second scarf
- ☐ ...would prefer a pink scarf

Solution

1. Incorrect
2. Correct
3. Incorrect

4. Wendy earned money working...

- ☐ ...at a restaurant.
- ☐ ...at the library.
- ☐ ...around the house.

Solution

1. Incorrect



1. Angel thinks the first shirt doesn't look good.

☐ True ☐ False

False

Angel: "I think it looks cool, but have you had a look at the price?"

2. David thinks the first shirt is too expensive

☐ True ☐ False

True

David: "Wow! Why didn't you tell me before? I think \$65 for a shirt is a bit much."

3. David's mother would be angry if he spent so much money on just one shirt.

☐ True ☐ False

True

Angel: "Yeah, I don't think your mother will like you spending almost a hundred dollars on just one shirt."

4. David suggests The Gap because it is closer.

☐ True ☐ False

False

David: "Let's go over to The Gap, it's usually cheaper."

5. The second shirt is much cheaper.

☐ True ☐ False

True

David: "This one looks almost like that other shirt, and look only 25 bucks."

6. David buys the second shirt.

☐ True ☐ False

True

Angel: "You're right. It looks great. Are you going to get those trousers with it?"

David: "Yes, I think I will."

7. David hasn't got enough money to buy more clothes.

☐ True ☐ False

False

David: "Yes, I think I will. They're only \$32. That makes \$57. I still have plenty of money for a couple of T-shirts and maybe some socks. What are you going to do?"

8. Angel is going to buy a shirt, too.

☐ True ☐ False

True

Angel: “Well, I like this yellow shirt but I can’t find any trousers I like, how about you go get me some jeans?”



Do it yourself

Shopping for clothes



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Listen and choose the right word or phrase:



Laura Oh, that's nice! Harry, look. Do you like this skirt?

Harry It's not bad. How much is it?

Laura I don't know. There's no !

Sales assistant Can I help you?

Laura Oh, yes. Could you tell me how much this skirt , please? Is it ?

Sales assistant Yes, it's , from £36 to 18.

Laura I need 34

Sales assistant Let me see the . Yes, this is a 34.

Laura Can I ?

Sales assistant Yes, of course. The are over there.

Laura Thank you. What do you think, Harry? £18 is a !

Harry It you. Black looks good on you. Is it comfortable?

Laura Yes, it me very well. !

Sales assistant That's £18, please. I'll just put it in a bag for you.

Laura Here you are £20.

Sales assistant Thank you. Here's your change. Keep the in case you want to it or ask for a .

Laura Thanks very much.

Check with the [script >> Documento de descarga](#).

Now listen to the words in isolation and repeat.

1. price tag
2. receipt
3. refund
4. half price
5. try it on
6. exchange
7. in the sale
8. bargain
9. fits

10. size

11. reduced

12. I'll take it

13. changing rooms

14. label

15. costs

16. suits

3. Right now



The Present Continuous tense

- To describe an action or situation that is happening at the moment of speaking.
- To describe photographs or pictures.



Thomas **is reading** a book.

- The following time expressions are common in the present continuous tense: **now, right now, at the moment...**



My dad **is talking** on the phone right now.

- **Verbs that are not usually used in the present continuous tense.** Do not use the present continuous tense with these verbs: *be, believe, hate, know, like, love, prefer, seem, understand, want...* These verbs are called *state verbs* (they refer to states, rather than actions) and they prefer simple tenses.

~~My sister isn't wanting the ice-cream.~~ My sister doesn't want the ice-cream.

- The present continuous tense is formed with the present of the verb BE + -ing form:



You're **working** very hard!

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I am dancing I am not (I'm not) Am I eating? Yes, I am // No, I'm not.
writing
You are dancing

She/he/it is You are not (aren't) Are you eating? Yes, you are // No, you
dancing writing aren't.

We are dancing She/he/it is not (isn't) Is she/he/it eating? Yes, he is // No,
writing she isn't.

You are dancing

They are We are not (aren't) Are we eating? Yes, we are // No, we
dancing writing aren't

You are not (aren't) Are you eating? Yes, you are // No, you
writing aren't.

They are not (aren't) Are they eating? Yes, they are // No,
writing they aren't.

3.1. What are you doing?



Do it yourself

Watch the presentation below and fill in the gaps (use contractions) in the sentences.

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Presentación alojada en [Slideshare](#)

1. to music
2. lunch
3.
4. the guitar
5. a letter
6.
7. TV
8.
9.
10.
11.

Listen, read & check

1. He's listening to music
2. He's eating lunch
3. He's drinking
4. He's playing the guitar
5. He's writing a letter
6. He's reading
7. She's watching TV
8. He's dancing
9. She's singing
10. He's sleeping
11. He's drawing



Watch the following video and answer the question for each image.

What are they doing? OR What is she/he doing?

Pause the video if necessary at intervals.

DO NOT WRITE THE ANSWERS DOWN. SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD.

It would be a good idea to record yourself (like, for example, on your mobile phone).

Then listen & check below.

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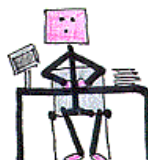
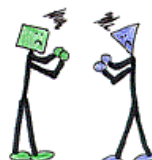
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Listen & check

1. They're playing football.
2. He's spending some time online.// He's working on his computer.
3. He's having a shower.
4. They're playing basketball.
5. She's drinking a bottle of water.
6. He's doing exercise.// He's lifting weights.
7. He's listening to music.
8. They're shopping.
9. They're cooking.

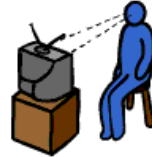


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Answer the following questions in your notebook using short answers. If the answer is "no", correct the false ones. Then check below.

Example: 1. Is he eating? **No, he isn't. He's cooking.**

2. Is he smiling?

3. Are they dancing?

4. Is he working?

5. Is he drinking?

6. Is he sitting?

7. Is he working?

8. Is it raining?

4. Do you remember...?



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