

Present Continuous Tense

Preparation

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We use the present continuous tense
to talk about things
that are happening around the time
we are doing,
thinking or talking about them.

We form the present continuous tense with the present tense of be and a verb ending in ing.

We form the present continuous tense with the present tense of *be* and a verb ending in *-ing*.

Negative		
I	<i>am</i>	<i>not cleaning</i> up.
You	<i>are</i>	
He/She/[It]	<i>is</i>	
We You They	<i>are</i>	

Affirmative		
I	<i>am</i>	<i>cleaning</i> up.
You	<i>are</i>	
He/She/[It]	<i>is</i>	
We You They	<i>are</i>	

Question	
<i>Am</i>	I
<i>Are</i>	you
<i>Is</i>	he/she/[it]
<i>Are</i>	we you they

cleaning up?

Example

The students *are clearing* away the rubbish.

The table shows how we form the –ing form of a verb.

Most verbs	+ ing	walk → walking
Verbs ending in e	-e + ing	come → coming
Verbs ending in ie	-ie + y + ing	lie → lying
Short verbs ending in a vowel + a consonant	Double the consonant + ing	run → running

On the day of the Clean Beaches Campaign,
you took some photographs.

Now you are writing descriptions
of the photos you took.

Look at the picture
and the words on the following page
and say what the people
in the picture are doing.

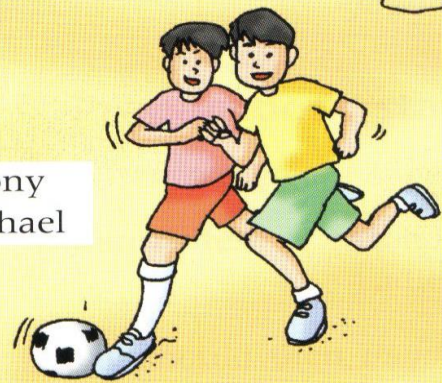
Sam and Nancy

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Peter, Tony and Michael

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Angel

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Stephanie and Joey

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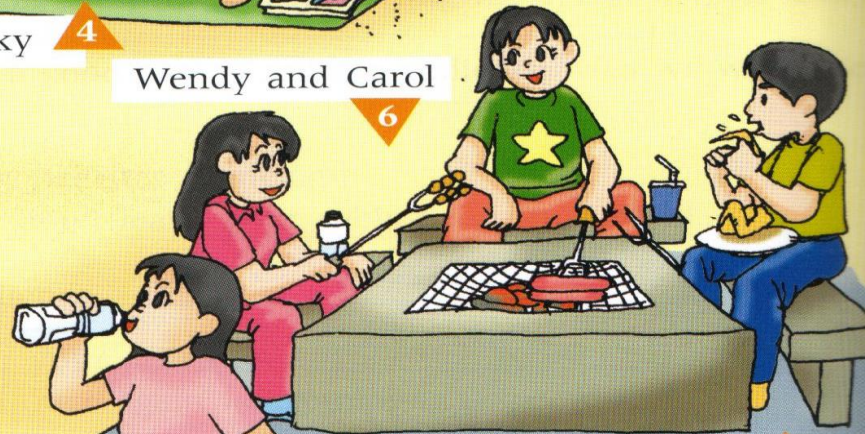
Ricky

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Wendy and Carol

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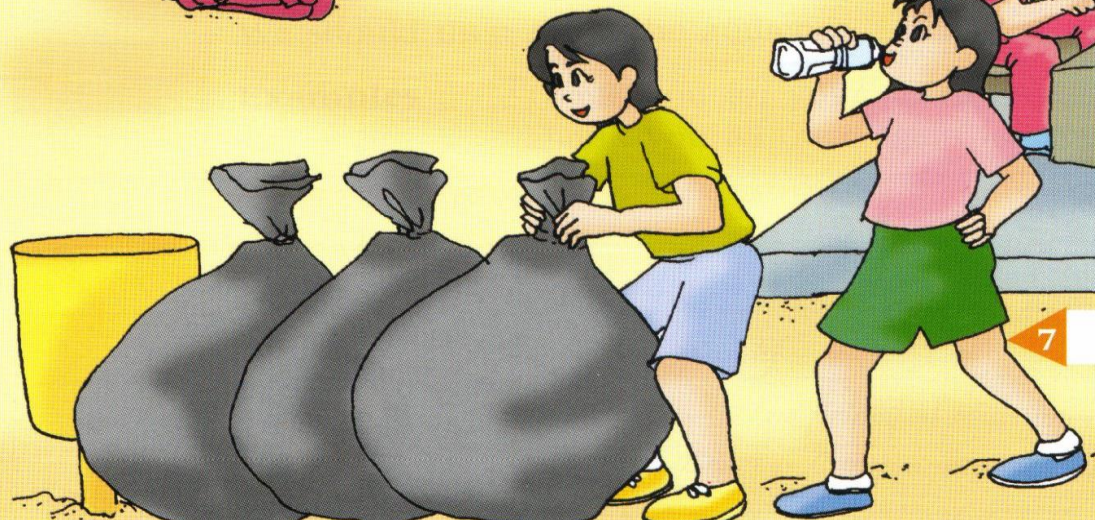


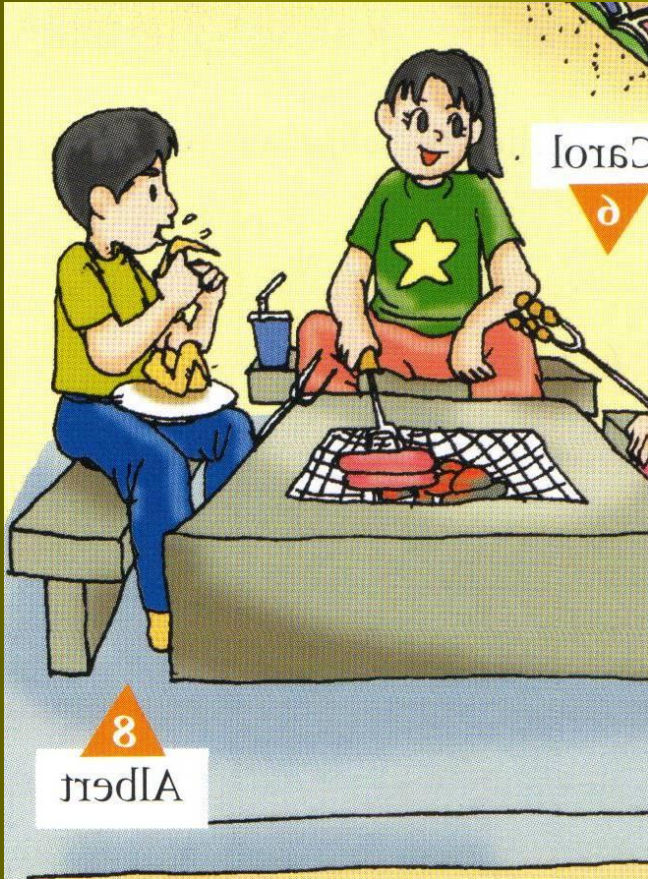
Albert

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Zoe

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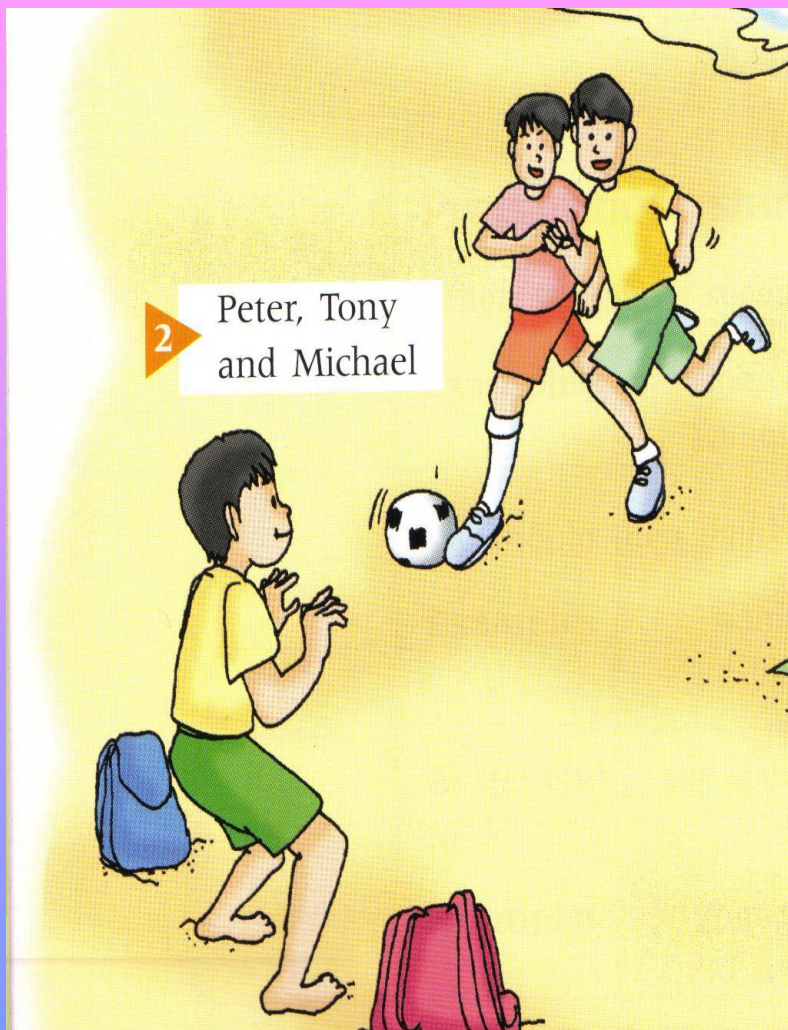


What is Albert doing?
He is eating.
What is Carol doing ?
She is cooking.



Stephanie
and Joey

What are Stephanie and Joey
doing ?
They are building sand castles.



2 Peter, Tony and Michael

What are Peter, Tony and Michael doing ?
They are playing football.

Sam and Nancy

I



What are Sam and Nancy doing ?
They are swimming.