Present (BE + −ING)

Have a look at this picture:

– What are they doing?
– They are playing football.

Main use: action which is being done at the same moment.

Syntax: Auxiliary BE (conjugated) + Verb ending in −ING

Examples:
I am playing football.
You are playing football.
He/She/It is playing football.
We are playing football.
You are playing football.
They are playing football.

Negation: I am not playing football, you are not playing football...

Question: Am I playing football? Are you playing football? Is he playing football? ...

Answers:

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<td>Short answers: Yes, they are. No, they aren't.</td>
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TEST – Fill in the gaps

1. They ...................... (study) at the moment.
2. She ...................... TV.
3. What ......................... (you/read) at the moment?
4. I ......................... (cook) dinner tonight. Would you like to come?
5. It ......................... (work). I think it’s broken.
6. He ......................... (learn) German for his job.

answers

1. are studying | 2. She is watching TV. | 3. What are you reading at the moment? | 4. I am cooking | 5. It is not working | 6. He is learning