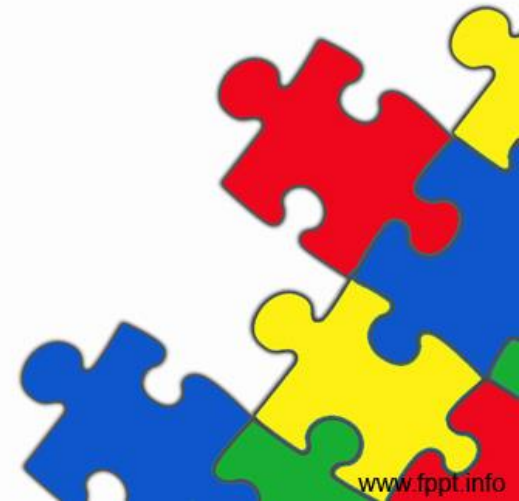# The Present Continuous Tense

Use and form

What is she doing?

- She is reading a book.

What is she doing?
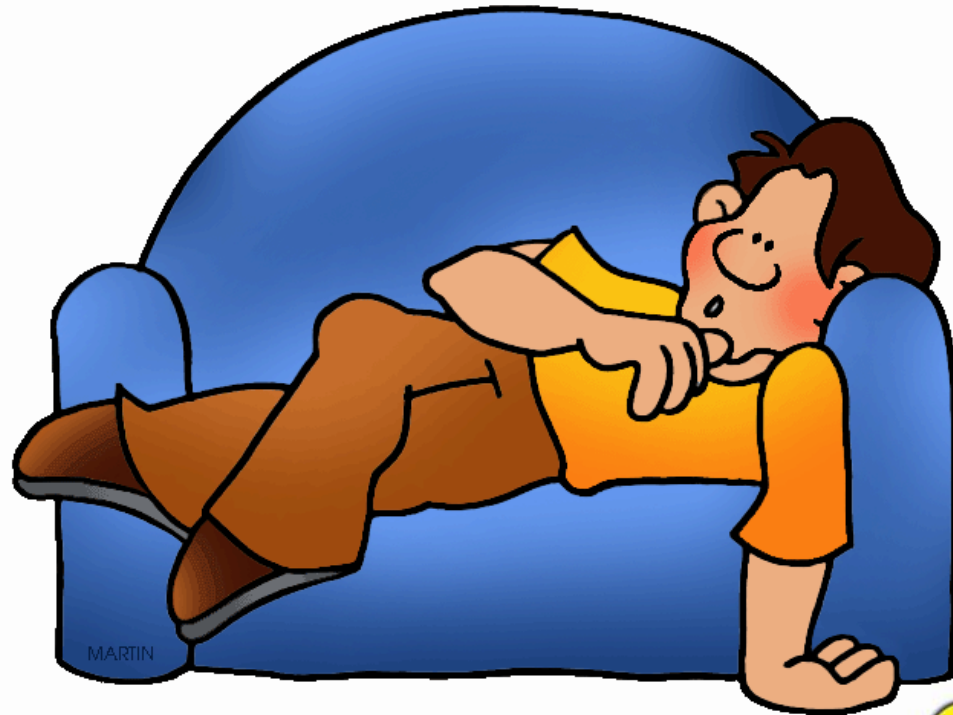
- She is crying.

What's he doing?
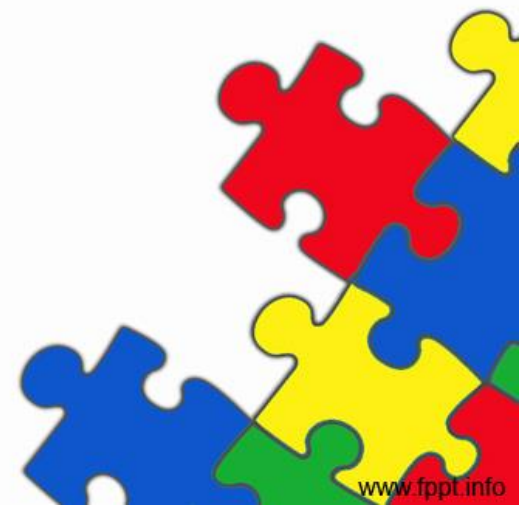
- He's watching TV.

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Where's he going?

- He's going to school.

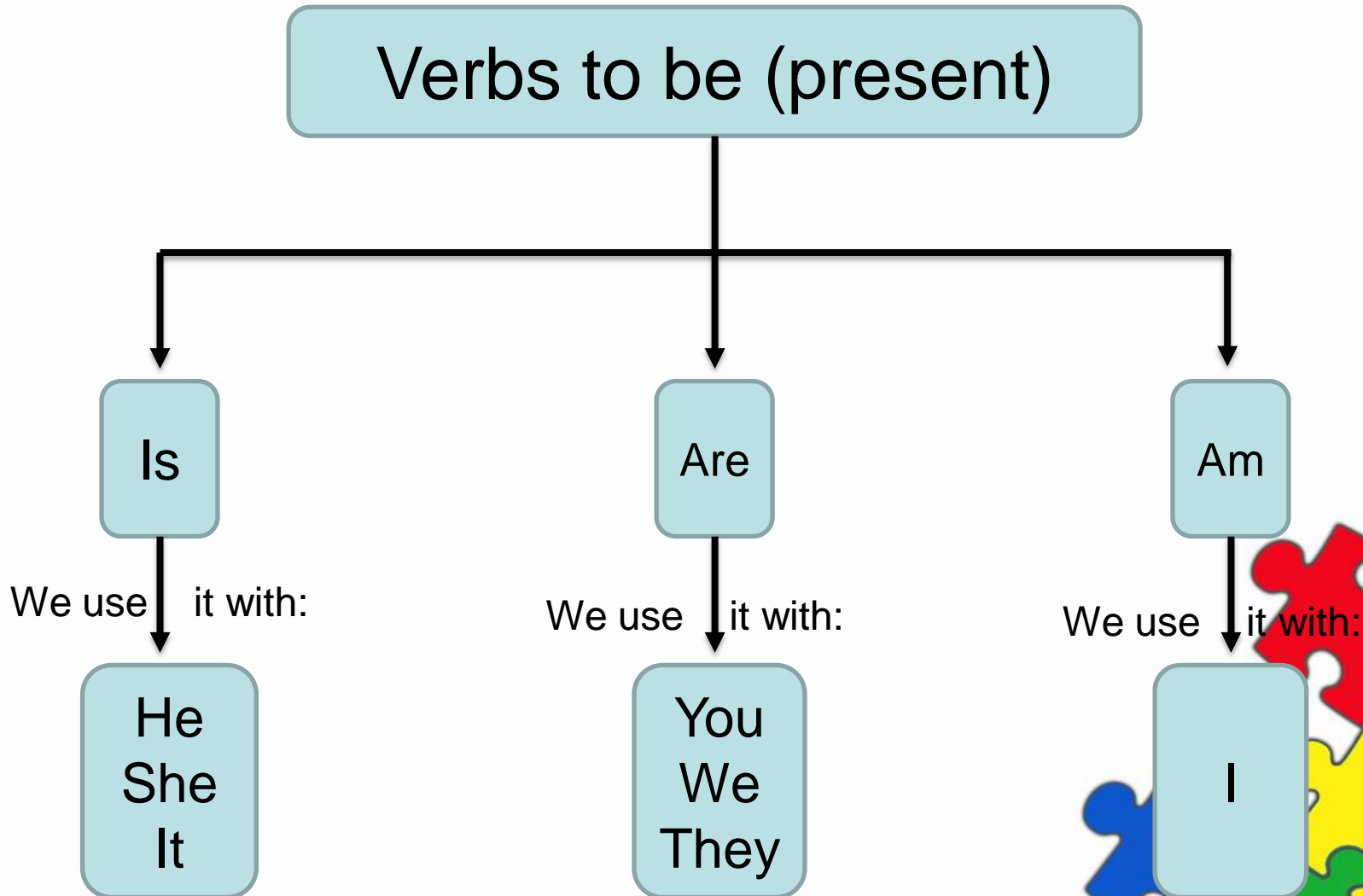# And what are you doing right now?

- We are studying English grammar.

The Present Continuous:

- The previous examples show that we use this tense to denote an action happening at the time of speaking (adverbs: now, right now, at the moment)

- In order to form sentences using this tense, we need to use the 'verbs to be' family:

Verbs to be (present)

Is

We use it with:

He
She
It

Are

We use it with:

You
We
They

Am

We use it with:

I

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Form – am, is, are + ing form

- **Positive**

I <u>am sleeping</u>.

He/she/it <u>is sleeping</u>.

You/we/they <u>are sleeping</u>.

- **Negative**

I <u>am not (I'm not) singing</u>.

He/she/it <u>is not (isn't) singing</u>.

You/we/they <u>are not (aren't) singing</u>.

Form - continued

- Questions (we switch the subject with the helping verb)

Am I dreaming?

Is he/she/it dreaming?

Are you/we/they dreaming?

- Short answers

Yes, I am/he is/we are…

No, I'm not/he isn't/we aren't…

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ing form – spelling rules

- Most verbs just take –ing with no changes in spelling: watch-watching, clean-cleaning, listen-listening

- Verbs ending in –e drop it before –ing: live-living, write-writing

- Verbs with short vowels and one consonant double the consonant:

  run-running, swim-swimming

ing form – spelling rules

- Verbs ending in –l, double it: travel-travelling, cancel-cancelling
- Verbs ending in –ie change it to –y: lie-lying, die-dying

Add the -ing

- Camp……
- Swim……
- Travel……
- Walk……
- Have……
- Write……
- Cook……
- Shop……

Complete the sentences with **present continuous**.

1. His dad and brother ………………………. (cycle) to the shop.

2. We …………………………… (not travel) to Japan.

3. Mark …………………...…… (stay) at home.

4. They ……………………… (not swim) in the sea.

5. She …………………….. (not watch) TV.