### The Present Progressive

(also called the Present Continuous)

I am speaking.

You are speaking.

To form this tense, use a form of the verb **BE** plus the –ing form of the action verb.

I am, he is, you are + speak + ing.



# When do we use it?

- Use the present continuous to talk about an action that is happening *now*—at the same time that you are speaking.
- The baby *is crying*. She's hungry.
- It's raining today.



## Study these rules



You don't have to repeat all the parts all the time:

They are eating, drinking, and talking. (look where the commas are!)

Remember question word order:

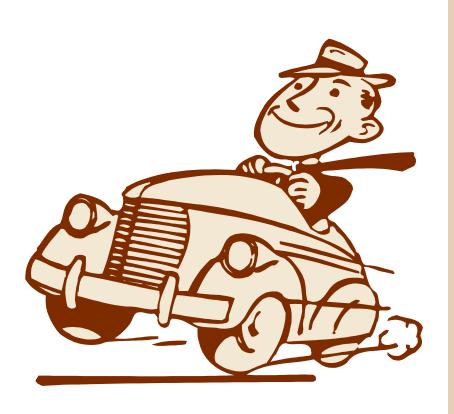
Are they talking?

When answering a question, use shortanswer form and contractions when possible:

Yes, they are.

No, they aren't.

# What's he doing?



#### drive

He's driving.

(what happens to the **-e** in *drive*?)

smile

He's smiling.

sit

He's sitting in his car.

(what happens to the **-t** in **sit**?)

go to work

He's going to work.

## What are you doing right now?

#### Change each verb and make a sentence:

#### I'm . . .

- read
- learn English
- study
- sit in the ESSC
- write
- think
- daydream

