Present progressive forms

Correct Forms

Common Errors

Bob: I am enjoying the show. How

about you?

Linda: Me too. I am having a lot of

fun.

Lenjoying the show. How about you? I am enjoy the show. How about you?

To make positive statements, use the auxiliary verb **to be** (am, is, are) in the following order:

Subject + auxiliary + basic verb form+ing

If verb ends in "e", drop the "e": have > having

Shhh! You're making too much noise.

Shhh! Your making too much noise.

Your is a possessive adjective: Is this your book?

Look at the kids! They're having a lot of fun.

Look at the kids! —Their—having a lot of fun.

Look at the kids! There having a lot of

fun.

Their is a possessive adjective:

My parents are coming in *their*

car.

There means "in that place"

I wonder what they're doing

there.

I'm bored. I am not enjoying this show.

I'm bored. I not enjoying this show. I'm bored. I don't enjoying this show.

To make negative statements, use the following order:

Subject + auxiliary + not + verb+ing

Paula's sick. She isn't coming to work today.

Paula's sick. She <u>-isnt</u> coming to work today..

Paula's sick. She <u>is'nt</u> coming to work today.

To form contractions replace the dropped vowel with an apostrophe.

- \circ It's not raining today. (drop the "i.")
- It isn't raining today. (drop the "o.")

Where are you going for your vacation?

Where <u>you are going</u> for your vacation? Where <u>do you going</u> for your vacation?

To ask most types of questions, use the following order:

auxiliary + subject + basic verb form+ing