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2 sin sing                      4 win wing

**2**  2.02 Listen again and repeat. Pay attention to the *-ing* endings.

**3**  2.03 Look at these questions and answers. How many examples of the *-ing* ending can you find? Listen and check.

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A: I'm going swimming with my friends.  
2 Q: How about your sister? Is she doing anything?  
A: Yes. She's doing her homework.  
3 Q: Are your parents working this morning?  
A: No, they aren't working. They're sleeping!

**4**  2.04 Answer these questions in the present continuous using the prompts to help you. Listen and check.

- 1 What are you doing at the moment?  
A: I / watch / a movie.

- 2 What is your brother doing?  
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