

PRESENT SIMPLE OR PRESENT CONTINUOUS

1. Read the sentences and match them with the correct explanation.

1. He runs a large travel agency.
2. The thief enters the room and opens the safe.
3. Skill comes with practice.
4. He's having a shower. Can you call him later, please?
5. Tom's picking me up at 7 o'clock tonight.
6. She's staying with a friend in London at present.
7. The ferry arrives at 10.00 am.
8. You're always telling me what I have to do. I hate it!
9. I go to football lessons by bike.
10. The temperature is getting warmer and warmer every year.

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| <p>a. Actions taking place at or around the moment of speaking; temporary actions.</p> <p>b. Reviews/sports commentaries/ narratives.</p> <p>c. A gradual change in the present.</p> <p>d. Fixed arrangement in the near future.</p> <p>e. Timetables/programmes (future meaning).</p> | <p>f. A repeated annoying action in the present.</p> <p>g. Permanent situations or states.</p> <p>h. Permanent truths or laws of nature.</p> <p>i. An action happening at the moment of speaking.</p> <p>j. A habit in the present.</p> |
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2. Read the text and choose the correct form of the verb.

Dear Aunt Jean,

I'm just writing to tell you how much I ¹ _____ (APPRECIATE) the money you sent me, and to tell you how I ² _____ (GET ON) in my first term at university.

Actually, I ³ _____ (REALLY ENJOY) myself! I ⁴ _____ (GO) to lectures every morning, and most afternoons I ⁵ _____ (STUDY) in the library. In fact, I ⁶ _____ (WRITE) this letter instead of an essay on *Hamlet*! I ⁷ _____ (NEED) to read a lot for each lesson, but at the moment I ⁸ _____ (SPEND) time to make friends, too. I now ⁹ _____ (KNOW) some other students and, generally speaking, we ¹⁰ _____ (HAVE) quite a good time socially!

I ¹¹ _____ (STILL STAY) with my friend Sue, but I ¹² _____ (WANT) to find somewhere of my own to live. I ¹³ _____ (LOOK FOR) a place near university. Only a few of the first-year students ¹⁴ _____ (LIVE) in college here and I ¹⁵ _____ (SEEM) to be spending a lot of time travelling backwards and forwards.

With the money you sent me, I ¹⁶ _____ (THINK) I'll buy some new clothes. Everything ¹⁷ _____ (COST) a lot here, and I ¹⁸ _____ (SAVE) to buy a warm coat. It ¹⁹ _____ (GET) really cold here as winter is coming. I ²⁰ _____ (ALSO LEARN) to drive.

See you soon.

Katherine