

Present simple vs. Continuous

1 Complete the text with the correct answers.

Today, many teenagers ___ a hoody instead of a coat to keep warm when they're outside. However, some adults ___ hoodies. They ___ that young people who ___ these sweatshirts are criminals and that the teenagers ___ the hood to hide their identity when they ___ things they shouldn't be doing. For example, shoplifters often wear hoodies because they ___ their faces to appear on security cameras when they ___ things from shops. Nowadays, some shopping centres ___ to introduce a ban on hoodies to stop this problem.

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| 1a | put on | b are putting on | c puts on |
| 2a | doesn't like | b aren't liking | c don't like |
| 3a | believe | b are believing | c believes |
| 4a | are wearing | b is wearing | c wear |
| 5a | is using | b use | c uses |
| 6a | is doing | b are doing | c does |
| 7a | don't want | b aren't wanting | c doesn't want |
| 8a | are stealing | b is stealing | c steals |
| 9a | try | b are trying | c tries |

2 Complete the dialogue with the correct present tense.

come, go, meet, need, not know, not want, understand, worry

Jessica Eve, _____ to Wendy's party on Saturday?

Eve I think so. What about you?

Jessica Yes, but I _____ what to wear.

Eve Jessica, it's only Monday. Why _____ about the party already?

Jessica Well, Jamie _____, so I _____ to look a mess.

Eve Now I _____! In that case, you _____ to buy something special to wear.

Jessica I know! I _____ Jane at the shopping centre after school today!

Eve You're so organised, Jessica!

3 Complete the sentences with appropriate verbs. Put the verbs in present simple or continuous.

- 1 a It _____ us a fortune to fly first class to Japan.
b It _____ us a fortune at the moment to send out daughter to dance class.

- 2 a I _____ sitting down at the end of a long day and reading a good book.
b It's a wonderful book. I'm _____ every moment of it.
- 3 a We've always wanted a house in the country, but we _____ on where it should be.
b When they agree with each other on so many important issues, I can't understand why they _____ now on this relatively minor matter.
- 4 a With growing concerns about the environment, people _____ to use recycled paper.
b He doesn't like publicity, and _____ to stay firmly in the background.
- 5 a My brother _____ three children, all girls.
b "Can I speak to Dorothy?" "She _____ a shower. Can I take a message?"