

# Empower B1 U1B

## GRAMMAR Present simple and present continuous

a Underline the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 She *is loving* / loves / *love* reading fashion magazines at the hairdresser's.
- 2 We usually *are going* / *goes* / *go* to the café opposite the hotel.
- 3 I *'m reading* / *read* / *reading* a great book in English at the moment.
- 4 He *'s wanting* / *does want* / *wants* to phone his family in Tokyo. Can he use this phone?
- 5 Why *are you waiting* / *do you wait* / *you waiting* for the bus? Let's walk home.
- 6 I hardly ever *am visiting* / *visit* / *visits* my cousins in Ireland.
- 7 She *studies* / *studying* / *'s studying* French politics at university this term.
- 8 Yes, they're here. They *play* / *'re playing* / *playing* a computer game in the living room.

b Complete the conversation with the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets. Use contractions where possible.

**ALICE** What <sup>1</sup> 's Sarah doing (Sarah, do) in that shop?

**NAOMI** She <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) some postcards to send to her family.

**ALICE** Really? I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ generally <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not send) postcards. I usually <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a message on my Facebook wall. And sometimes I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (put) a few photos of my holiday on my wall.

**NAOMI** Yes, me too, but Sarah's grandparents <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) a computer, so she <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (send) them postcards instead.

**ALICE** Oh, and what <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (Tom and Jack, do) this morning?

**NAOMI** They <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) the day at the beach.

**ALICE** But Tom <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) swimming in the sea. He says the water's too cold.

**NAOMI** Yes, but it <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) really hot today!