

Present simple and present continuous

Complete these sentences, putting the verbs into the correct tense

1. What's that book _____ (read) about?
2. We usually _____ (go) to the beach at the weekend
3. She _____ (write) to me every week
4. Where's Kevin?
He _____ (play) football with his friends
5. My boss _____ (fly) to New York every month
6. Can you answer the phone? I _____ (cook)
7. Look! That man _____ (try) to get into your car
8. _____ (you/walk) to school every morning?
9. The bank _____ (open) on Saturdays
10. Her son _____ (not visit) her very often
11. He _____ (wash) his car every weekend
12. Sorry, you can't talk to him. He _____ (have) a shower
13. What _____ (do)?
My homework.
14. Koalas _____ (sleep) for most of the day
15. Many people _____ (not like) this kind of food
16. Could you be quiet, please – I _____ (listen) to the
radio
17. We _____ (stay) in a hotel at this moment
18. She _____ (go) to work by train
19. They never _____ (write) to me
20. I _____ (wait) for Mary. She's late

We use the simple present to talk about permanent facts and the present continuous to show temporary events. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets

1. I _____ (live) in Washington, though I _____ (stay) in London at the moment
2. The car isn't here today because Sheila _____ (use) it. She generally _____ (use) the bus, but the drivers are on strike
3. We usually _____ (stay) at home on Fridays, but we came out tonight because we _____ (celebrate) that I passed my exams
4. I _____ (come) from Scotland, however I _____ (live) in London just now
5. I _____ (stay) with my parents at the moment, though I _____ (have) my own flat
6. They usually _____ (work) at the weekends but they _____ (not/work) at the moment
7. He _____ (teach) in a language school, however he _____ (work) in a factory at the moment because the school's on holiday
8. The business usually _____ (make) money, though it _____ (do) rather badly just now
9. I usually _____ (work) at night, but I _____ (have) a holiday at the moment
10. I _____ (study) French at the moment, though I _____ (not/speak) it very well yet

