

7 Read the comments below from a website. Then work in pairs and discuss which opinions you agree or disagree with.

I would never accept an online 'friend' who I didn't already know. How can you be friends with someone you've never met?  
Sylwia, UK

I'm reading this at work – it's my lunchbreak – and I wanted to comment about the fact that most companies won't let you go on Facebook while you're at work, even in your own time. I don't think it's fair because this is the main way I communicate with my friends.  
Jon, UK

I think people who have hundreds of friends online must just be really self-obsessed and looking for attention.  
Rui, Portugal

8 Work in pairs. How many friends do you think is the 'right' number to have? Why?

## Grammar | Present Simple and Present Continuous

9 a Look at the Active grammar box. Match the example sentences (1–5) with the rules (A–E).  
b Complete the table in the Active grammar box with the verbs in the box.

### Active grammar

- 1 People with better social skills **do** better in the workplace.
- 2 I **have** more than 700 Facebook friends.
- 3 I'm **studying** as well as working.
- 4 I **see** them once a week.
- 5 I'm **reading** this at work.

We use the Present Simple for ...

A habits/routines, e.g. sentence \_\_\_\_.

B things that are always true/permanent, e.g. sentence \_\_\_\_.

C describing a state, e.g. sentence \_\_\_\_.

We use the Present Continuous for ...

D things that are happening now at this precise moment, e.g. sentence \_\_\_\_.

E temporary situations that are happening around now, e.g. sentence \_\_\_\_.

believe do eat go have like live need  
play think understand want

Action verbs	State verbs	Both
go, ...	believe, ...	live, ...

We do not usually use state verbs in continuous tenses.

see Reference page 19

10 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (you/read) that book? Can I see it?
- 2 Sasha \_\_\_\_\_ (not/work) on Tuesdays, so she's at home now.
- 3 I'm so tired. I \_\_\_\_\_ (need) a holiday!
- 4 That looks hard. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/want) any help?
- 5 I'm afraid we \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) any tea because I always drink coffee.
- 6 Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you/live) at the moment?
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (you/understand) this computer manual?
- 8 You look very happy! Who \_\_\_\_\_ (you/think) about?
- 9 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/want) to leave too late because I \_\_\_\_\_ (hate) driving in the dark.
- 10 What horrible weather! I \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) inside until the rain stops.

11 Make questions from the prompts using the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

- 1 What/you/do? (job/occupation)
- 2 What/you/do/at work (or school)/at the moment?
- 3 How often/you/go out with friends?
- 4 What/you/like/do?
- 5 What films/you/like/watch?
- 6 What/you/usually/do/at the weekends?
- 7 You/read/a good book/at the moment?
- 8 You/play (or watch)/any sports/these days?
- 9 Why/you/study/English/this year?
- 10 You/do/any other courses/at the moment?

12 Work in pairs. Ask your partner the questions in exercise 11. Tell the class anything interesting you learned.