Present simple / present continuous — part 1

a) Copy these classnotes in your notebook:

We use the **present simple** to inform or explain what happens **habitually, normally, frequently, sometimes, always,…** The auxiliary for negative and interrogative sentences is do/does. Example: We often **revise** the present simple, don't we?	We use the **present continuous** to describe what is happening **now, at the moment, today, this week, at present...** The auxiliary for negative and interrogative sentences is BE (am/is/are) Example: You **are reading** some classnotes about the present continuous, aren't you?

b) Look at these pictures and complete the sentences using the **present continuous** (to describe what is happening in the picture) or the **present simple** (to explain what these people normally do) of the verbs in brackets.

1. Adam is a lifeguard. He _____ (work) at the local swimming pool. He usually _____ (spend) a lot of time sitting, so now he _____ (swim) to take some exercise and keep fit.

2. Barry _____ (study) at secondary school. He usually _____ (spend) the afternoon doing homework, but today he _____ (skate) on his board because it _____ (be) Saturday.

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3. Carol is a secretary. She _____ (work) for a big company. She usually _____ (take) the underground to go to work, and she _____ (get up) really early every day. Today _____ (be) Sunday, so she _____ (not go) to work; instead, she _____ (take) her dog for a walk. Today she _____ (wear) a plain pink top, a spotted skirt and slip-on shoes, but normally she _____ (wear) a white blouse, a dark skirt and black shoes.

4. Diana _____ (be) a photographer. She _____ (work) for a fashion magazine. She _____ (take) pictures of beautiful models. Today _____ (be) her day off, so she _____ (relax) in the park; she _____ (learn) to play the guitar, so she _____ (practise) a little. Her neighbour _____ (be) a grumpy old man and he _____ (not like) music; he _____ (not be) happy when she _____ (play) at home, so she often _____ (come) to the park to practice.

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