

## Present simple / present continuous — part 1b

a) Revise these classnotes:

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. Ethan \_\_\_\_\_ (work) at the public library. Right now he \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) on the steps of the main entrance to the library, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (not work): he \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to some music because he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on his lunch break. At this time he usually \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a sandwich and some fruit. He \_\_\_\_\_ (like) apples and pears, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) oranges.



2. Fiona \_\_\_\_\_ (be) from Germany, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) married to an Englishman, and they \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in London. She \_\_\_\_\_ (push) the pram where her baby son \_\_\_\_\_ (be). They \_\_\_\_\_ (go) for a walk in the park.



3. George \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) her bike. Her real name \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Georgina, but her friends always \_\_\_\_\_ (call) her George as a joke. They usually \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) at the park on Saturdays; that \_\_\_\_\_ (be) where she \_\_\_\_\_ (go) at the moment. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a blue helmet on her head. Her T-shirt and shorts \_\_\_\_\_ (be) green.



4. Helen \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a TV producer. She \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for the BBC – the public British channel. Now she \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) at work, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV to see what other channels \_\_\_\_\_ (show). At the moment, on Channel 4 they \_\_\_\_\_ (show) an interview programme. The presenter \_\_\_\_\_ (interview) a famous politician.