

## UNIT 12

## PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS

» SEE GRAMMAR REFERENCE AND PRACTICE, UNITS 7–8, PRESENT SIMPLE, PAGES 144–145

» SEE GRAMMAR REFERENCE AND PRACTICE, UNIT 10, PRESENT CONTINUOUS, PAGE 147

We use the **present simple** to talk about:

- what we do every day.  
*I go to school. My dad drives a taxi.*
- What we always / often / sometimes / never do.  
*You always get up late on Sundays. Katie sometimes has dinner at 6 o'clock.*

We use the **present continuous** to talk about:

- what we are doing now:  
*Jess is sleeping. We're studying English.*

### Practice

1 Choose the correct words.

- 1 It's half past nine, Tommy's at school and he *studies / he's studying*.
- 2 Every day Jacob *gets up / is getting up* at 7 o'clock.
- 3 My mum's in the bathroom. She *has / is having* a shower.
- 4 Our history teacher always *gives / is giving* us a lot of homework.
- 5 I often *play / am playing* basketball in the park on Sunday.
- 6 Mrs Weston *likes / is liking* her job. She's a doctor.
- 7 The children are in class seven this morning. They *do / are doing* a geography test.
- 8 Marta *doesn't speak / isn't speaking* Russian very well – she never studies!

2 Write questions in the present simple or continuous using *what / doing?* or *what / do?*

- 0 *What does Marco do?*  
Marco? He works in a café in London. \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 1 I can't speak! I'm in the cinema! \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Every Wednesday? She goes to drama club.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
I'm a teacher. I teach Spanish.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
I'm hungry! I'm eating my lunch.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Carta? She's in the shower.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Phillip's a farmer and Julie is a nurse.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Ben? His homework, he's in his room.

### CAN: REQUESTS AND PERMISSION

#### Practice

requests	<i>Can</i> I have some milk, please? <i>Can</i> you open the window, please?
permission	<i>Can</i> I go out with my friends, Mum?

3 Write *Can I* or *Can you*, and then finish the requests with the words in the box.

a film, please      home, please  
me in the park      me Spanish  
me with my homework      some soup, please  
the table      the washing-up, please

- 0 Can you do the washing-up, please?  
*request*
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ go \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ clean \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ meet \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ watch \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ teach \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ help \_\_\_\_\_ ?

4 Write *request* or *permission* next to questions 1–7 in Exercise 3.