

GRAMMAR

PRESENT SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

2 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 a) I'm doing my homework, _____
b) I do my homework _____
i) on the bus most days.
ii) so I can't come to the party with you.
- 2 a) I'm not enjoying this film – _____
b) I don't enjoy films – _____
i) can we watch the other DVD?
ii) I prefer reading.
- 3 a) I'm looking for _____
b) I look for _____
i) new artists. It's an interesting job.
ii) Maria. Have you seen her?
- 4 a) I'm standing _____
b) I stand _____
i) on the bridge every day and watch the boats.
ii) on the bridge. I can see you!
- 5 a) The train is arriving _____
b) The train arrives _____
i) late sometimes.
ii) in London now. See you in five minutes.
- 6 a) Are you using _____
b) Do you use _____
i) this pen? No? OK, I'll use it for a moment.
ii) a pen and paper or do you do everything on the computer?

3 Complete the conversations with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A: Why _____ (you/smile)?
B: Ahmed just told me a very funny joke!
- 2 A: How many people _____ (you/know) here?
B: No one except you!
- 3 A: Did you hear that noise next door?
B: Yes! What _____ they/do)?
- 4 A: What _____ (you/drink)?
B: Apple juice. But I don't want any more, thanks.
- 5 A: _____ (he/be) an actor?
B: No, that's his famous twin brother.
- 6 A: Which one is Sharon?
B: _____ (she/wear) the blue dress.

4 A Complete the text with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Here are some photos of my new friends. This is Amei. She ¹ _____ (be) an artist, but at the moment she ² _____ (work) as a teacher. She ³ _____ (not like) teaching very much! And this is Bruce, her husband. This is Hernan. He's from Santiago, Chile. He ⁴ _____ (be) a maths teacher, but he ⁵ _____ (do) his Master's in education in the USA at the moment. In the photo he ⁶ _____ (smile) because he passed an exam that day! This is Julio from Colombia. He ⁷ _____ (have) a job in an oil company. In the picture he ⁸ _____ (play) his guitar – he's really good! The other picture is Natasha from Trinidad. She graduated last year and she ⁹ _____ (look) for a job. Her parents ¹⁰ _____ (visit) her at the moment.