

6 Present simple and continuous

I can use the present simple and the present continuous tenses.



Present simple

We use the present simple to talk about things that are always true.

Water **boils** at 100 degrees.

Nurses **help** sick people in hospital.

We use the present simple to talk about things that are permanent or regular.

Robert **lives** in France.

I **normally go** to classes at the university.

We use words and phrases like *often*, *normally*, *sometimes*, *every day* with the present simple.

Mary **normally has** breakfast at seven.

I **always drive** to work.

We use the present simple when we talk about opinions and thoughts, using verbs like **hate**, **know**, **like**, **love**, **need**, **prefer**, **remember**, **think**, **understand**, **want**.

I **like** this song.

We **don't know** the answer.

We use the present simple of **think** when we talk about opinions.

He **thinks** the film was boring.

We can also use the present continuous to talk about the future. See Unit 12.

Present continuous

We use the present continuous to talk about things that are in progress now.

The water **is boiling**. ~ I'll make some tea.

I'm sorry. I can't talk at the moment. I'm **helping** my mum in the kitchen.

We use the present continuous to talk about temporary things that are in progress around now.

Sarah **is working** in Scotland this week, but she will be here again next week.

This week, I'm **revising** for an exam.

We use time expressions like *now*, *at the moment*, *this week*, *today* with the present continuous.

We're **having dinner** at the moment.

Why **are you walking** to school today?

We don't normally use the present continuous with verbs of opinion or thought.

~~I'm liking this song.~~

~~We aren't knowing the answer.~~

We use the present continuous of **think** when we describe an action.

Please be quiet. I'm **thinking**.

*** 1** Write the present simple *he/she/it* form of these verbs.

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|------------------------|----------------|
| ▶ carry <u>carries</u> | 8 like _____ |
| 1 cost _____ | 9 pass _____ |
| 2 clean _____ | 10 play _____ |
| 3 dance _____ | 11 talk _____ |
| 4 eat _____ | 12 teach _____ |
| 5 fry _____ | 13 try _____ |
| 6 go _____ | 14 use _____ |
| 7 have _____ | 15 wash _____ |
| | 16 worry _____ |

**** 2** **6.1** Listen to the final sounds in the present simple verbs from exercise 1. What do you hear? Write the verb form in the correct column.

+ /z/	+ /s/	+ /ɪz/
carries	costs	dances

**** 3** **6.2** Complete the text with the present simple form of the verbs in brackets. Then listen and check your answers.

- Daisy Do you share a bedroom?
- Anna Yes, ¹ _____ (I/do). I share with my sister.
- Daisy ² _____ (you/mind) sharing?
- Anna There's one big problem. We ³ _____ (not/go) to the same school. So my sister ⁴ _____ (get) up at half past six and ⁵ _____ (catch) a bus at quarter past seven. That ⁶ _____ (wake) me up, but I ⁷ _____ (not/get) up until half past seven. I ⁸ _____ (walk) to school and it only ⁹ _____ (take) ten minutes.
- Daisy Are there any other problems?
- Anna Well, my sister ¹⁰ _____ (not/tidy) the room. ¹¹ _____ (she/leave) her clothes on the floor. That ¹² _____ (make) me angry.
- Daisy ¹³ _____ (she/do) anything else annoying?
- Anna She sometimes ¹⁴ _____ (watch) loud music videos on her laptop. I ¹⁵ _____ (not/like) that.
- Daisy ¹⁶ _____ (you/do) anything annoying?
- Anna Me? No. I'm perfect.

**** 4** Rewrite each present simple sentence as affirmative (✓), negative (x) or question (?).

- ▶ My dad repairs old cars.
x My dad doesn't repair old cars.
- 1 Do your parents speak English?
✓ _____ English.
- 2 Sarah studies geography.
? _____ geography?
- 3 Does Richard live in London?
x _____ in London.
- 4 Mr Baker doesn't watch the news on TV.
✓ _____ the news on TV.
- 5 Those children don't do enough homework.
? _____ enough homework?
- 6 My brother drinks fruit juice at breakfast.
x _____ fruit juice at breakfast.

**** 5** Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- ▶ Do you like this food?
(you/like)
- 1 _____ that person's name.
(I/not know)
- 2 _____ tea or coffee?
(you/prefer)
- 3 _____ cold weather.
(she/hate)
- 4 _____ the question.
(he/not understand)
- 5 _____ he's funny?
(you/think)
- 6 _____ anything else.
Thank you. (we/not need)
- 7 _____ this chocolate cake.
(I/love)
- 8 _____ the address?
(you/remember)
- 9 _____ some new shoes.
(she/want)
- 10 _____ that book?
(he/like)

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Work in groups. Read the information in the table and make sentences about the animals. Use the verbs in the box. Check your answers on page 168.

come from eat live for weigh



gorilla



kangaroo



penguin



tiger

Place	Africa, Asia, Australia, Antarctica
Weight	35kg, 55kg, 170kg, 250kg
Food	meat, grass, plants, fish
Age	8 years, 15 years, 20 years, 40 years

Gorillas come from Asia.

No. They don't come from Asia. They come from Africa.

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Write the -ing forms of the verbs below.

- wait waiting 4 close _____
 1 write _____ 5 die _____
 2 sleep _____ 6 do _____
 3 try _____ 7 study _____

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Spell the -ing forms of the verbs below.

- read reading 6 get _____
 ► put putting 7 look _____
 1 plan _____ 8 open _____
 2 stay _____ 9 relax _____
 3 wear _____ 10 begin _____
 4 swim _____ 11 visit _____
 5 snow _____ 12 happen _____

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Correct the mistakes in each sentence.

- She aren't waiting.
She isn't waiting.
 1 Where are you go?

 2 The bus isn't stoping!

 3 She doesn't wearing a coat.

 4 Sam driving to Manchester today.

 5 What they are talking about?

 6 Vicky is write an email.

 7 Is it snowing outside?

 8 Hes eating an ice cream.

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6.3 Complete the text with the present continuous form of the verb in brackets. Listen and check.



- Peter Hi, Jack. It's Peter.
 Jack Hey. Where are you?
 Peter I 'm sitting (sit) on a train with my family.
 Jack Where ¹ _____ (you/go)?
 Peter We ² _____ (travel) to Scotland to visit my cousins.
 Jack That sounds exciting.
 Peter Actually, I ³ _____ (not/enjoy) the journey. The air-conditioning ⁴ _____ (not/work), so it's really hot in here at the moment.
 Jack So what are you doing? ⁵ _____ (you/play) games on your phone?
 Peter No, I'm not. I ⁶ _____ (revise) for the maths test.
 Jack Bad luck. So what ⁷ _____ (everyone else/do)?
 Peter My sister ⁸ _____ (listen) to music and my parents ⁹ _____ (read). Actually, no, they ¹⁰ _____ (not read) now; they ¹¹ _____ (sleep).
 Jack I've got to go now. Enjoy Scotland. I hope the sun shines.
 Peter Thanks, but right now, I ¹² _____ (look) forward to some cold weather!

11 Circle the correct option.

- It's raining every day / at the moment.
- 1 I normally / Today I take the bus to school.
- 2 He eats fish every day / at the moment.
- 3 She's often / This week she's visiting friends in London.
- 4 They always / Today they do their homework together.
- 5 He's studying engineering every year / this year.
- 6 Are you having dinner on Mondays / now?
- 7 The train is never arriving / arriving right now.
- 8 I get up late at the weekend / this week.
- 9 What are you normally doing / doing at the moment?
- 10 On Saturdays / Today I work in a shop.

12 Complete the sentences with the correct verb form.

- 'What are you watching?' 'That new DVD. It's great.' (you/watch)
- 1 Mary _____ to yoga classes on Monday evenings. (go)
- 2 '_____?' 'No. Let's play tennis.' (it/rain)
- 3 Elephants _____ for 50 or 60 years. (live)
- 4 'Can I speak to Jack, please?' 'I'm sorry. _____ with his grandparents. He will be back tomorrow.' (He/stay)
- 5 'Are you OK?' 'No, I'm not. _____ a very bad day.' (I/have)
- 6 'How often _____ her room?' 'Every week.' (she/tidy)
- 7 Lucy's a vegetarian. _____ meat. (she/not eat)
- 8 'Why _____ the bus?' 'My bike's got a puncture.' (you/take)
- 9 This is very funny but nobody _____ . (laugh)
- 10 '_____ glasses?' 'Yes. When I watch TV.' (you/wear)

13 6.4 Listen to the dialogue and look at the picture. Complete the table with a number and the words in the box.

footballer chef mechanic photographer
Beijing London Los Angeles Manchester
New York Oxford Paris Sydney

	Bill	Tony	Harry	Peter
Number	3			
Job	chef			
Usual city				
Current city				



14 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs. Use the present simple or present continuous.

Kate Do you remember (remember) my friend, Maria?

Polly Yes. She ¹ _____ (live) in Spain, doesn't she?

Kate Normally, but at the moment she ² _____ (live) in China.

Polly Why is she in China?

Kate Her parents ³ _____ (spend) a year there. They ⁴ _____ (teach) at a university.

Polly ⁵ _____ she _____ (like) it?

Kate At first it was difficult but now she ⁶ _____ (enjoy) it. She ⁷ _____ (say) it's very different from Europe.

Polly ⁸ _____ she _____ (learn) Chinese?

Kate Yes. She ⁹ _____ (go) to Chinese classes every day after school. She ¹⁰ _____ (understand) a lot, but speaking is more difficult. In fact, she ¹¹ _____ (think) about studying Chinese at university, when she goes back to Spain.

Polly What about the food? ¹² _____ she _____ (like) it?

Kate Yes, she ¹³ _____ (love) it. Spanish people like seafood and I ¹⁴ _____ (think) Chinese people eat a lot of seafood too.

15 Complete the text using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.



Katy Dixon is a famous scientist. She works at a university in London. She is a volcanologist. That means that she ¹ _____ (study) the science of volcanoes. She ² _____ (spend) most of the time at the university. She ³ _____ (do) experiments in a laboratory, and she also ⁴ _____ (teach) students. But sometimes she ⁵ _____ (travel) to interesting places in the world and ⁶ _____ (explore) real volcanoes.

This week, Katy ⁷ _____ (visit) South America. She ⁸ _____ (make) a programme for television. Today they ⁹ _____ (film) an 'active' volcano. Active volcanoes sometimes ¹⁰ _____ (erupt), so she has to be careful. At the moment, Katy ¹¹ _____ (sit) at the top of the volcano and ¹² _____ (talk) about lava. She ¹³ _____ (have) a fantastic time. She ¹⁴ _____ (think) it is the best job in the world!

16 Write a short personal profile. Describe your routine. Then imagine you are on holiday this week. Write about your activities.

I normally get up at seven o'clock. I have ...

This week, I'm visiting ...

Self-evaluation Rate your progress.

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