



I can use different tenses to talk about the present.

**1** ● Match the verbs in bold in sentences 1–5 with functions a–e.

- 1  I **know** the answer.
- 2  Chris is **doing** his homework.
- 3  Sara **works** in a hospital.
- 4  I'm **working** at a restaurant for the summer.
- 5  School **starts** at 8 a.m.

- a a temporary situation
- b a present action
- c a state verb
- d a routine
- e a permanent situation

**2** ● Complete the sentences with the Present Continuous form of the verbs below.

discuss leave ~~not come~~ not have  
not live rain think

- 1 We don't need to wait for Gary – he *isn't coming* with us.
- 2 Oh no! It \_\_\_\_\_! We can't have a picnic now.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ at home now. Builders are redecorating our house this month.
- 4 Cate \_\_\_\_\_ about starting dance classes.
- 5 Oh no! Jill and Charles \_\_\_\_\_ politics again!
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (you) already? You only got here a few minutes ago!
- 7 My brothers \_\_\_\_\_ dinner with us tonight. They're at a summer camp.

**3** ● Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or Present Continuous form of TWO of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I *hear* you *'re learning* to play the drums – is that right? (hear / learn / think)
- 2 I usually \_\_\_\_\_ for the school bus, but this morning I \_\_\_\_\_ a lift from my dad. (get / take / wait)
- 3 Mia usually \_\_\_\_\_ to work, but today she \_\_\_\_\_ by train. (take / come / drive)
- 4 Quick, the film \_\_\_\_\_! You \_\_\_\_\_ the best part! (finish / miss / start)
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ my football coach because she always \_\_\_\_\_ me to do my best. (encourage / give / like)

**4** ● Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences. One sentence is correct.

- 1 My aunt and uncle ~~are having~~ two children. They're eight and twelve.  
*have*
- 2 I don't agree with the government's new education policy. What are you thinking?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Please don't disturb me. I'm doing my homework.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 We stay in a different hotel this year because the place we usually stay in is closed for the summer.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Don't ask Phil for the answer. He isn't knowing.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Let's just sit down here. The game starts.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5** ● Complete the message with the Present Simple or Present Continuous form of the verbs below.

close do enjoy have (x2) love ~~not know~~  
not work practise sell stay want

Hey Ben!

How are things? I *don't know* if you know, but I've got a summer job in Munich for a few weeks. I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with my German cousins who live here. It's great here and I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ myself a lot.

I'm working in a small shop which <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ designer clothes and the other people here are really nice. We always <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lots of fun in the day. In the evening when the shop <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, we usually all <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ dinner together somewhere. I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Munich! It's a really interesting city and I <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my German too!

What <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you) this summer? <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you) to come and visit me in Munich? It would be great to see you again and there's lots of space at my cousins' house. I <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at weekends, so we could spend some time together. Let me know!

Harry