

1. Underline the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 She *is loving / loves / love reading* fashion magazines at the hairdresser's.
- 2 We usually *are going / goes / go* to the café opposite the hotel.
- 3 I *'m reading / read / reading* a great book in English at the moment.
- 4 He *'s wanting / does want / wants* to phone his family in Tokyo. Can he use this phone?
- 5 Why *are you waiting / do you wait / you waiting* for the bus? Let's walk home.
- 6 I hardly ever *am visiting / visit / visits* my cousins in Ireland.
- 7 She *studies / studying / 's studying* French politics at university this term.
- 8 Yes, they're here. They *play / 're playing / playing* a computer game in the living room.

2. Complete the conversation with the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets. Use contractions where possible.

ALICE What (1) ...*'s Sarah doing*..... (Sarah, do) in that shop?

NAOMI She (2) (buy) some postcards to send to her family.

ALICE Really? I (3) generally (4) (not send) postcards. I usually (5) (write) a message on my Facebook wall. And sometimes I (6) (put) a few photos of my holiday on my wall.

NAOMI Yes, me too, but Sarah's grandparents (7) (not have) a computer, so she (8) (send) them postcards instead.

ALICE Oh, and what (9) (Tom and Jack, do) this morning?

NAOMI They (10) (spend) the day at the beach.

ALICE But Tom (11) (not like) swimming in the sea. He says the water's too cold.

NAOMI Yes, but it (12) (be) really hot today!

3. Choose the best ending for each sentence from each pair.

1 a I work in a bank ...

b I'm working in a café ...

1 but I don't enjoy it.

2 but it's only a summer job.

2 a She drives to work every day ...

b She's driving right now ...

1 so she can't answer the phone.

2 so she spends a lot on petrol.

3 a I write to my parents ...

b I'm writing to my parents ...

1 because their phone's broken.

2 once a month.

4 a We're not eating there ...

b We don't eat there ...

1 today because it's full.

2 because the food is awful.

4. Choose the correct answer.

- 1 *I eat / I'm eating* my lunch at the moment. Can you wait?
- 2 Look at that man! He *doesn't wear / isn't wearing* any shoes.

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- 3 *She normally goes / She's normally going* to the cinema on Tuesday nights.
 - 4 *I study / I'm studying* hard, because I've got an exam next week.
 - 5 Some of my friends *look / are looking* at their phones every five minutes.
 - 6 My grandparents *hardly ever visit / are hardly ever visiting* us because they live in Australia.
 - 7 We want to finish the project tonight, so *we work / we're working* late.
 - 8 *Is your brother liking / Does your brother like* computer games?

5. Complete the conversation with the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs.

JACKIE Hi Mum.

MUM Oh, hi Jackie. Nice of you to call. You (1) (not call) very often!

JACKIE Oh come on, Mum! I (2) (work) really hard at university at the moment. I never (3) (have) time to call! And I (4) (send) you emails all the time.

MUM I (5) (like) to speak to you and hear your voice, that's all. Your sister (6) (call) me every weekend.

JACKIE Well, we (7) (speak) now. But the world (8) (change), Mum! Some of my friends never (9) (phone) home. They just (10) (email) or send a text.

MUM I preferred how things were in the past.

6. Complete the conversation with the present simple or present continuous.

A What (1) ...*are you doing*... (you / do)?

B (2) (I / check) Facebook.

A Really? But you checked it about 20 minutes ago. How often (3) (you / check) your account?

B Well, (4) (I / usually check) my account once a day. But today's different. (5) (my sister / travel) around Africa at the moment, and I'm worried about her.

(6) (she / usually send) me a message on Facebook two or three times a day, but the last time she wrote was a week ago.

A Maybe (7) (she / travel) right now, and she can't use the Internet.

(8) (she / go) on safari?

B No, I don't think so. (9) (she / not like) the countryside. (10) (she / prefer) cities. Oh ... look! Here's a message from her. You were right! (11) (she / drive) through the Masai Mara National Park at the moment.

A Where's that?

B (12) (it / be) in Kenya. (13) (there / be) lots of wild animals there.