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Grammar Present Simple and Present Continuous

	Present Simple		Present Continuous	
+	I work hard.	My mum works hard.	I'm working now.	He's working now.
−	I don't work hard.	My mum doesn't work hard.	I'm not working now.	He isn't working now.
?	Do you work hard?	Does she work hard?	Are you working now?	Is he working now?
	Yes, I do. / No, I don't.	Yes, she does. / No, she doesn't.	Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.	Yes, he is. / No, he isn't.
	Where do you work?		What are you doing?	

Time expressions

always, usually, often, sometimes, never

now, right now, at the moment

3 Circle the correct answer.

1 On school days, Bella *doesn't help* / *isn't helping* at her mum's café, but today is Saturday, so Bella *helps* / *is helping* at the café.

2 Right now, Zadie *learns* / *is learning* a new song. She *learns* / *is learning* a new song every month.

3 Adam often *plays* / *is playing* basketball with his friends, but he *doesn't play* / *isn't playing* at the moment.

4 Usually, Josh *doesn't get up* / *isn't getting up* early at the weekend, but he *gets up* / *is getting up* now because Adam is waiting for him!

4 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs.

Zadie: Hi, Adam. What [1] *are you doing* (you / do)? Do you want to meet?

Adam: Sorry, Zadie. I can't right now. I'm with Adam. We [2] _____ (play) basketball.

Zadie: Oh, that's a pity … [3] _____ (you / always / play) basketball on Saturday mornings?

Adam: No, not every week, but I [4] _____ (often / do) sport. What [5] _____ (you / do) at the moment?

Zadie: I'm by the river. I [6] _____ (take) my dog for a walk. He [7] _____ (sometimes / go) for a swim, but he [8] _____ (not swim) at the moment. Oh, yes, he is! Speak to you later!

Adam: Bye for now!

Grammar Stative verbs

We don't usually use the Present Continuous with these verbs:

believe, hate, know, like, love, need, understand, want

I like animals. ✔ NOT ~~I'm liking animals.~~ ✘

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.



1 Josh and Adam *are practising* (practise) basketball now. They _____ (want) to do well in the match!



2 Bella's mum _____ (hate) cleaning tables, so Bella _____ (help) her at the moment.



3 Josh's sister _____ (believe) studying is important. She _____ (do) her online French homework right now.



4 Josh's parents are in the kitchen. They _____ (plan) a family meal. They _____ (need) to plan a meal for ten people!

6 Exam Spot In pairs, talk about your best friend, brother or sister and parents. What are they doing now? What do they like and hate doing?

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