

## GRAMMAR

## Present Simple and Present Continuous, state verbs

## Present Simple

They usually **travel** on a tour bus.

She **doesn't write** the blog every day.

**Do** they **speak** English? Yes, they **do**.

## Present Continuous

He's **travelling** a lot these days.

They **aren't recording** a song at the moment.

**Is** he **skateboarding** now? No, he **isn't**.

## State verbs

Some verbs don't normally have a continuous form: **feel, hate, know, like, love, need, see, think, understand, want**

## 1 Match questions 1–6 with answers a–f.

1  Are you enjoying the film?  
 2  Does your uncle live in London?  
 3  Do you search for information online every day?  
 4  Are they making a film?  
 5  Is Jack practising on his skateboard?  
 6  Do your friends play in a band?  
 a No. I only do it when I do my homework.  
 b No, they aren't. They're just taking some selfies.  
 c Yes, I am. It's brilliant!  
 d Yes, they do. And they're awesome!  
 e No, he isn't. He's playing tennis.  
 f No, he doesn't. He lives in Manchester.

## 2 Complete the sentences with the Present Simple form of these verbs.

feel know not think not understand want

1 I **know** Kate very well – she's my best friend.  
 2 I'm going home because I **feel** ill.  
 3 I **don't understand** what you're saying. Can you repeat it, please?  
 4 My brother **wants** to buy a new smartphone.  
 5 I **think** she's from France, but she's got a French name.

## 3 Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or Present Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 I **usually post** (usually/post) on social media every day, but today I **haven't uploaded** (not upload) anything.  
 2 Jez **is learning** (learn) the guitar because he **wants** (want) to be in a band.  
 3 I **am trying** (try) to connect with Anna now because I **need** (need) to speak to her.  
 4 We **usually cycle** (usually/cycle) to school, but it **rains** (rain) today, so we **are going** (go) by bus.  
 5 I **am looking** (look) for my charging cable. I **haven't known** (not know) where I left it.

## 4 Read the dialogues. Choose the correct option.

1 A: Hi. What **are you doing** / **do you do**?  
 B: I **try** / **I'm trying** to take a selfie while I'm on my skateboard, but I **think** / **I'm thinking** it's impossible!  
 2 A: **Do you like** / **Are you liking** the new game?  
 B: Yes, I **am** / **do**. But I **don't spend** / **I'm not spending** much time on the computer at the moment because I **work** / **I'm working** hard for my exams.  
 3 A: Hi! Are those **your** new wireless earbuds? What **do you listen** / **are you listening** to?  
 B: That new band, The Feds. **Do you know** / **Are you knowing** them?

## 5 Complete the email with the Present Simple or Present Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



Hi Jackie,

How are you? I **1'm staying** (stay) with my uncle in Birmingham this weekend because there's a big technology show here. My uncle **2 come** (come) to this event every year. This year, he **3 want** (want) to buy a smart speaker. You **4 know** (know) I **5 love** (love) technology, so this is a great place for me. I want to get some new wireless earbuds. By the way, do you like Álvaro Soler? Right now I **6 download** (download) his latest album. His music is fantastic! What **7 you do** (you/do) this weekend? Write and tell me.

Paul