

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 ☒ c 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 _____ ill.
- 3 I _____ what you're saying. Can you repeat it, please?
- 4 My brother _____ to buy a new smartphone.
- 5 I _____ 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 _____ (not upload) anything.
- 2 Jez _____ (learn) the guitar because he _____ (want) to be in a band.
- 3 I _____ (try) to connect with Anna now because I _____ (need) to speak to her.
- 4 We _____ (usually/cycle) to school, but it _____ (rain) today, so we _____ (go) by bus.
- 5 I _____ (look) for my charging cable. I _____ (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) to this event every year. This year, he ³ _____ (want) to buy a smart speaker. You ⁴ _____ (know) I ⁵ _____ (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) his latest album. His music is fantastic! What ⁷ _____ (you/do) this weekend? Write and tell me.

Paul