GRAMMAR Present simple and present continuous

We use the **present simple** to talk about …

- what we do every day:
  I go to school. *My dad drives a taxi.*
- what we always / often / sometimes / never do:
  You always get up late on Sundays.
  Katie sometimes has dinner at 6 o'clock.

We use the **present continuous** to talk about …

- what we are doing now:
  Jess is sleeping. *We're studying English.*

Practice

1 Choose the correct words.

1 It's half past nine, Tommy's at school and *he studies / he's studying*.
2 Every day, Jacob *gets up / is getting up* at 7 o'clock.
3 My mum's in the bathroom. She *has / is having* a shower.
4 Our history teacher always *gives / is giving* us a lot of homework.
5 I often *play / am playing* basketball in the park on Sunday.
6 Mrs Weston *likes / is liking* her job. She's a doctor.
7 The children are in class seven this morning. They *do / are doing* a geography test.
8 Marta *doesn't speak / isn't speaking* Russian very well – she never studies!

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 Write questions in the present simple or continuous using *what / doing?* or *what / do?*

0 *What does Marco do?*

Marco? He works in a café in London.

1 _____

I can't speak! I'm in the cinema!

2 _____

Every Wednesday? She goes to drama club.

3 _____

I'm a teacher. I teach Spanish.

4 _____

I'm hungry! I'm eating my lunch.

5 _____

Carla? She's in the shower.

6 _____

Phillip's a farmer and Julie is a nurse.

7 _____

Ben? His homework, he's in his room.

1 Look at sentences A and B.

A He helps people at work every day. (present simple)
B She's eating a big ice cream now. (present continuous)

Match sentences 1–8 to sentences A and B.

1 He's teaching her how to swim.
2 She isn't playing her guitar now.
3 He drives all over Europe.
4 He sometimes goes to Africa.
5 Today he's trying to catch a fish!
6 She works in a restaurant every evening.
7 She isn't working now.
8 She's taking a photo of Tony.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 Complete the sentences with present simple or present continuous.

1 We use the _____ to talk about what we do every day.

2 We use the _____ to talk about what we always/sometimes/never do.

3 We use the _____ to talk about what we are doing now.

3 Complete the conversations with the verbs (in brackets). Use the present simple or present continuous.

1



Amy: Has your brother got a job?
Dan: Yes, he has. He [1] _____ (drive) a taxi.
Amy: Really? [2] _____ he _____ (drive) you to school every day?
Dan: No, of course not!

2



Tom: What does your dad do?
Lee: He [3] _____ (work) in a restaurant.
Tom: That's interesting.
Lee: But he [4] _____ (not work) now. He [5] _____ (cook) our dinner.
Tom: Oh, good!

3



Jess: Hi, Millie. It's Jess here. I'm in Jamaica. What [6] _____ you _____ (do)?
Millie: I'm in bed!
Jess: Oh, sorry! I [7] _____ (sit) on the beach and I [8] _____ (eat) a big ice cream.
Millie: Lovely!

101 **Listen and check.**

4 **Practise the conversations in Exercise 3 with your partner.**

LIVEWORKSHEETS

5 What jobs do people in your family do? What do you think they are doing now?



1 Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets in the present continuous or present simple.

1 I *send* emails every day. (send)
2 She _____ to drama club on Fridays. (go)
3 The waiter _____ every night. (work)
4 We never _____ pictures. (take)
5 Today we _____ a news story. (write)
6 She _____ her guitar now. (not play)

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 Complete the conversation with the verbs in the box in the present continuous or present simple.

clean	study	work

Mario: Hi, I [1] *'m cleaning* the kitchen at the moment!

Julia: I never [2] _____ the kitchen! Today [3] _____ for a test!

Mario: I often [4] _____ on Saturdays, but today I [5] _____ (not). My dad [6] _____ today so I'm helping my mum. He sometimes [7] _____ on Sundays, but not this weekend!

LIVEWORKSHEETS