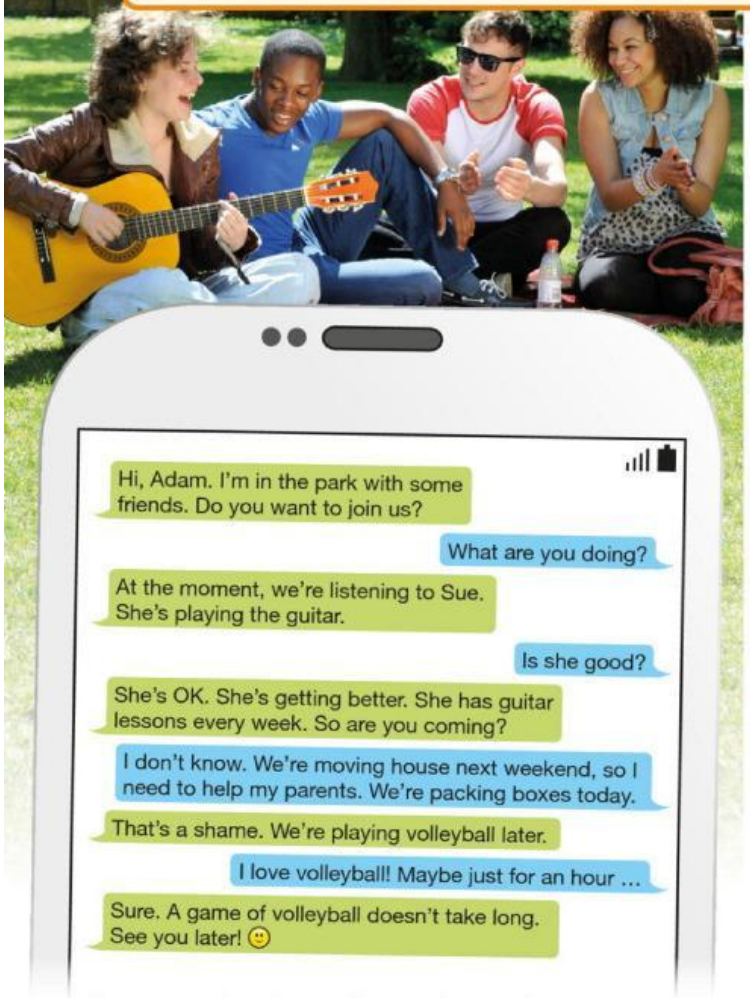
IB

Grammar

Contrast: present simple and present continuous

I can distinguish the use of the present simple and present continuous.



1 **Describe the photo. What are the people doing? Use the verbs below.**

laugh play sit smile wear

The girl on the left is playing the guitar.

2 **Read the messages above. Why does Adam change his mind about going to the park?**

LEARN THIS! Present tense contrast

We use:

a the [1] *present simple* for something that happens regularly, always or never.

b the [2] _____ for something happening at this moment.

c the [3] _____ for something happening around this time.

d the [4] _____ for stating a fact.

e the [5] _____ with certain verbs that we do not usually use in continuous tenses: *believe, know, like, love, need, understand, want*, etc.

f the [6] _____ for future arrangements.

3 **Find examples of the present simple and present continuous in the messages in exercise 2. Then read the Learn this! box and complete the rules.**

4 **Match each example you found in the messages with the correct rule (a–f) in the Learn this! box.**

5 **Work in pairs. Explain the difference between sentences a and b in each pair.**

1 **a** I'm doing my homework after school.
  b I do my homework after school.
2 **a** Joe is learning to drive.
  b Many teenagers learn to drive when they are seventeen.
3 **a** Mark plays the guitar.
  b Mark is playing the guitar.
4 **a** We aren't going on holiday in August.
  b We don't go on holiday in August.

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6 1.03 **Complete the phone dialogue. Use the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Then listen and check.**

Toby Hi!
Leia Hi, Toby. What [1] *are you doing* (you / do)?
Toby I'm at the sports centre. I [2] _____ (wait) for Tom.
Leia [3] _____ (you / go) swimming?
Toby No, we [4] _____ (play) table tennis. We [5] _____ (play) every Saturday morning. But he's really late!
Leia What [6] _____ (he / do)?
Toby I [7] _____ (not know). He [8] _____ (not answer) his phone. Anyway, where are you?
Leia I'm at the shopping centre, but I [9] _____ (not buy) anything today. I [10] _____ just _____ (look).
Toby [11] _____ (you / like) table tennis? [12] _____ (you / want) to play?
Leia Sure! But I [13] _____ (not wear) sports clothes.
Toby [14] _____ (you / wear) trainers?
Leia Yes, I am – with jeans and a T-shirt.
Toby That's fine. You [15] _____ (not need) sports clothes. See you soon!

7 **SPEAKING** **Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions 1–6. Use the activities below or your own ideas.**

Everyday activities do [my] homework go shopping go for a walk / a bike ride have a picnic listen to music play football / tennis / video games read a book visit friends / relatives watch a film / TV

1 What do you usually do after school?
2 What are you doing after school today?
3 What do you usually do at the weekend?
4 What are you doing this weekend?
5 What do you usually do during the school holidays?
6 What are you doing next school holiday?

What do you usually do after school?

I listen to music at home.

LIVEWORKSHEETS