

## Contrast: Present Simple and Present Continuous

1- Speaking. How often do you buy clothes? Do you like shopping for clothes?



2- Read and listen the phone conversation and answer the questions.

- 1 What does Claire want to buy? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Where is Joel? Why is he there? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What does Billy invite Claire to do? \_\_\_\_\_

**Billy** Hey, Claire, where are you?

**Claire** I'm in a clothes shop in town. I'm looking for a new top. But I'm not having much luck. They're all really expensive.

**Billy** You should go to the department store. They don't cost very much there.

**Claire** OK. Thanks for the advice.

**Billy** No problem. Is Joel with you?

**Claire** No, he's at home. He hates shopping. He never comes with me.

**Billy** Well, do you and Joel want to go to the cinema on Saturday?

**Claire** Maybe. Our parents are in the middle of decorating the house and we're helping them. What time's the film?

**Billy** 7.30 in the evening.

**Claire** That should be OK. Can I phone you later about it?

**Billy** Sure. Good luck with the shopping! Try the department store. Bye!

3- Complete the LEARN THIS! Box with the correct tenses.

### LEARN THIS! Present tense contrast



We use the:

- a \_\_\_\_\_ for something that happens regularly, always or never.
- b \_\_\_\_\_ for something happening at this moment.
- c \_\_\_\_\_ for something happening around this time.
- d \_\_\_\_\_ for a fact that is always true.
- e \_\_\_\_\_ with certain verbs that we don't usually use in continuous tenses: *believe, know, hate, like, need, prefer, understand, want*, etc.

4- Complete the sentences with the present simple or the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Then match each sentence with rules a – e in the LEARN THIS! Box.

- 1 "Let's go out." "No, it \_\_\_\_\_." (rain) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 This term we \_\_\_\_\_ about the Second World War in our history lessons. (learn) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ what time it is? (know) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Fish \_\_\_\_\_ in the sea. (live) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 My parents \_\_\_\_\_ tennis every Saturday morning. (play) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ this word. (not understand) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 How often \_\_\_\_\_ Fred \_\_\_\_\_ with the housework? (help) \_\_\_\_\_

5- Complete the text messages with the present simple or the present continuous form of the verbs below.

buy do know look look love get prefer read

