

PRESENT SIMPLE OR PRESENT CONTINUOUS

1. Read the sentences and match them with the correct explanation.

1. He runs a large travel agency.
2. The thief enters the room and opens the safe.
3. Skill comes with practice.
4. He's having a shower. Can you call him later, please?
5. Tom's picking me up at 7 o'clock tonight.
6. She's staying with a friend in London at present.
7. The ferry arrives at 10.00 am.
8. You're always telling me what I have to do. I hate it!
9. I go to football lessons by bike.
10. The temperature is getting warmer and warmer every year.

- a. Actions taking place at or around the moment of speaking; temporary actions.
- b. Reviews/sports commentaries/ narratives.
- c. A gradual change in the present.
- d. Fixed arrangement in the near future.
- e. Timetables/programmes (future meaning).
- f. A repeated annoying action in the present.
- g. Permanent situations or states.
- h. Permanent truths or laws of nature.
- i. An action happening at the moment of speaking.
- j. A habit in the present.

2. Read the text and choose the correct form of the verb.

Dear Aunt Jean,

I'm just writing to tell you how much I¹ _____ (APPRECIATE) the money you sent me, and to tell you how I² _____ (GET ON) in my first term at university.

Actually, I³ _____ (REALLY ENJOY) myself! I⁴ _____ (GO) to lectures every morning, and most afternoons I⁵ _____ (STUDY) in the library. In fact, I⁶ _____ (WRITE) this letter instead of an essay on *Hamlet*! I⁷ _____ (NEED) to read a lot for each lesson, but at the moment I⁸ _____ (SPEND) time to make friends, too. I now⁹ _____ (KNOW) some other students and, generally speaking, we¹⁰ _____ (HAVE) quite a good time socially!

I¹¹ _____ (STILL STAY) with my friend Sue, but I¹² _____ (WANT) to find somewhere of my own to live. I¹³ _____ (LOOK FOR) a place near university. Only a few of the first-year students¹⁴ _____ (LIVE) in college here and I¹⁵ _____ (SEEM) to be spending a lot of time travelling backwards and forwards.

With the money you sent me, I¹⁶ _____ (THINK) I'll buy some new clothes. Everything¹⁷ _____ (COST) a lot here, and I¹⁸ _____ (SAVE) to buy a warm coat. It¹⁹ _____ (GET) really cold here as winter is coming. I²⁰ _____ (ALSO LEARN) to drive.

See you soon.

Katherine