

## 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.


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| a. Actions taking place at or around the moment of speaking; temporary actions. | f. A repeated annoying action in the present.     |
| b. Reviews/sports commentaries/ narratives.                                     | g. Permanent situations or states.                |
| c. A gradual change in the present.   | h. Permanent truths or laws of nature.            |
| d. Fixed arrangement in the near future.  | i. An action happening at the moment of speaking. |
| e. Timetables/programmes (future meaning).                                      | 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 I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (APPRECIATE) the money you sent me, and to tell you how I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (GET ON) in my first term at university.

Actually, I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (REALLY ENJOY) myself! I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (GO) to lectures every morning, and most afternoons I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (STUDY) in the library. In fact, I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE) this letter instead of an essay on *Hamlet*! I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (NEED) to read a lot for each lesson, but at the moment I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (SPEND) time to make friends, too. I now <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (KNOW) some other students and, generally speaking, we <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (HAVE) quite a good time socially!

I <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (STILL STAY) with my friend Sue, but I <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (WANT) to find somewhere of my own to live. I <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (LOOK FOR) a place near university. Only a few of the first-year students <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (LIVE) in college here and I <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (SEEM) to be spending a lot of time travelling backwards and forwards.

With the money you sent me, I <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (THINK) I'll buy some new clothes. Everything <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (COST) a lot here, and I <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (SAVE) to buy a warm coat. It <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (GET) really cold here as winter is coming. I <sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (ALSO LEARN) to drive.

See you soon.

Katherine