

## Present simple vs. Continuous

### 1 Complete the text with the correct answers.

Today, many teenagers \_\_\_ a hoody instead of a coat to keep warm when they're outside. However, some adults \_\_\_ hoodies. They \_\_\_ that young people who \_\_\_ these sweatshirts are criminals and that the teenagers \_\_\_ the hood to hide their identity when they \_\_\_ things they shouldn't be doing. For example, shoplifters often wear hoodies because they \_\_\_ their faces to appear on security cameras when they \_\_\_ things from shops. Nowadays, some shopping centres \_\_\_ to introduce a ban on hoodies to stop this problem.

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| 1a | put on       | b are putting on | c puts on      |
| 2a | doesn't like | b aren't liking  | c don't like   |
| 3a | believe      | b are believing  | c believes     |
| 4a | are wearing  | b is wearing     | c wear         |
| 5a | is using     | b use            | c uses         |
| 6a | is doing     | b are doing      | c does         |
| 7a | don't want   | b aren't wanting | c doesn't want |
| 8a | are stealing | b is stealing    | c steals       |
| 9a | try          | b are trying     | c tries        |

### 2 Complete the dialogue with the correct present tense.

come, go, meet, need, not know, not want, understand, worry

Jessica Eve, \_\_\_\_\_ to Wendy's party on Saturday?

Eve I think so. What about you?

Jessica Yes, but I \_\_\_\_\_ what to wear.

Eve Jessica, it's only Monday. Why \_\_\_\_\_ about the party already?

Jessica Well, Jamie \_\_\_\_\_, so I \_\_\_\_\_ to look a mess.

Eve Now I \_\_\_\_\_! In that case, you \_\_\_\_\_ to buy something special to wear.

Jessica I know! I \_\_\_\_\_ Jane at the shopping centre after school today!

Eve You're so organised, Jessica!

### 3 Complete the sentences with appropriate verbs. Put the verbs in present simple or continuous.

- 1 a It \_\_\_\_\_ us a fortune to fly first class to Japan.  
b It \_\_\_\_\_ us a fortune at the moment to send out daughter to dance class.

- 2 a I \_\_\_\_\_ sitting down at the end of a long day and reading a good book.  
b It's a wonderful book. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ every moment of it.
- 3 a We've always wanted a house in the country, but we \_\_\_\_\_ on where it should be.  
b When they agree with each other on so many important issues, I can't understand why they \_\_\_\_\_ now on this relatively minor matter.
- 4 a With growing concerns about the environment, people \_\_\_\_\_ to use recycled paper.  
b He doesn't like publicity, and \_\_\_\_\_ to stay firmly in the background.
- 5 a My brother \_\_\_\_\_ three children, all girls.  
b "Can I speak to Dorothy?" "She \_\_\_\_\_ a shower. Can I take a message?"