

## PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS/ STATIVE VERBS 3

- 12** Read the texts and fill in the gaps with the *present simple* or the *present continuous* of the verbs in brackets.

Hey bloggers!

The Melbourne International Comedy Festival is the largest cultural event in Australia. It **1) takes** (take) place in Melbourne every April.

The festival **2) .....** (host) many local and international comedians. Events **3) .....** (include) stand-up theatre and street performances! Row **4) .....** (be) Australia's biggest comedy competition. The finals **5) .....** (go on) during the Comedy Festival each year. The funniest comedians **6) .....** (compete) against each other to become the newest comedy hero!

At the moment, my friends and I are at the Kodiak Club. We **7) .....** (listen) to some hilarious stand-up! The comedian **8) .....** (tell) us a funny story of one of his many adventures in Thailand. I **9) .....** (laugh) so hard my sides ache!

Mike 24

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### Transformations

- 13** Here are some sentences about Bennie, who likes playing tennis. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use up to three words.

- Playing tennis is a regular habit of his.  
He usually *plays* tennis.
- Bennie never forgets to take his tennis racquet with him.  
Bennie always ..... to take his tennis racquet with him.
- The first thing Bennie does when he finishes a game is to have a shower.  
Bennie always ..... right after he finishes a game.
- There is constant improvement in Bennie's tennis skills, his instructor says.  
Bennie's skills are constantly ....., his instructor says.
- Bennie is considering playing professionally.  
Bennie ..... of playing professional tennis.
- Bennie's mum doesn't miss a single game when he's playing in the school tournament.  
Bennie's mum never ..... single game when he's playing in the school tournament.

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Hi!

Montreal is the city that **1) explodes** (explode) with laughter in July! Each year millions of people from all over the world **2) .....** (come) to see

Montreal's famous *Just for Laughs* festival. It's no surprise that famous celebrities like Bill Cosby, Jerry Seinfeld and Steve Martin **3) .....** (want) to be there to perform.

Right now, I **4) .....** (sit) at an outdoor café on St Denis Street and **5) .....** (enjoy) one of the many street performances. I can't believe the huge crowds that **6) .....** (watch) the festivities! Everyone **7) .....** (have) an incredible time!

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