

## PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS/ STATIC 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! Raw 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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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!

Judy Lo

B



### 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.

- 1 Playing tennis is a regular habit of his. He usually *plays* tennis.
- 2 Bennie never forgets to take his tennis racquet with him. Bennie always ..... to take his tennis racquet with him.
- 3 The first thing Bennie does when he finishes a game is to have a shower. Bennie always ..... right after he finishes a game.
- 4 There is constant improvement in Bennie's tennis skills, his instructor says. Bennie's skills are constantly ..... his instructor says.
- 5 Bennie is considering playing professionally. Bennie ..... of playing professional tennis.
- 6 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.