

## BUSINESS ENGLISH

### PRESENT SIMPLE OR PRESENT SIMPLE CONTINUOUS?

**EXERCISE 1:** Complete the text below with the appropriate present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in the box.

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Our company is among the ten largest in the country. We already (1) \_\_\_\_\_ SANWA International, the successful chemicals company. In addition, we (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to break into the new consumer markets of Central and Eastern Europe. For example, we (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a new subsidiary in Bratislava next month. That is why this week I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ candidates for the top jobs in Slovakia. We (5) \_\_\_\_\_ well over 3,000 people, and this number (6) \_\_\_\_\_ all the time.

**EXERCISE 2. TASK 1:** Complete the text below with the appropriate present simple or present continuous form of the verbs given in brackets. Write the verbs in **FULL FORMS** where necessary, e.g., **ARE NOT**, etc.

Ralf Hinze (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the R&D department of the Antwerp-based company Merlin Foods Ltd, where he (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (manage) a team of five responsible for all organic products under the brand name *Sunnyvale*. They (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (develop) about three new products each year. This week, however, Ralf (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) in the office. He (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the lab. He (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (supervise) the testing of an innovative range of soups and dressings, and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a report.

He (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) his job and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) proud of his company. Indeed, Merlin Foods (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (expand) rapidly. It (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) subsidiaries in France and Germany and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (own) Kilkenny Dairies. Sales and earnings for the company (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (increase) far beyond expectations. The *Sunnyvale* brand in particular (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (become) hugely popular throughout Europe.

**EXERCISE 2. TASK 2:** Study the information in TASK 1. Then write the questions for these answers.

1. \_\_\_\_\_? In the R&D department at Merlin Foods Ltd.
2. \_\_\_\_\_? About three each year.
3. \_\_\_\_\_? In the lab.
4. \_\_\_\_\_? He is supervising the testing of some new products.
5. \_\_\_\_\_? Yes, he does. (He enjoys his job).
6. \_\_\_\_\_? In France and Germany.
7. \_\_\_\_\_? Yes, indeed. Far beyond expectations!