

SIMPLE PRESENT OR PRESENT CONTINUOUS?

1. Compare the use of the present simple and the present continuous in each pair of sentences. Write A or B where it corresponds.
- 1 a Some of the relatives live in a small town.
b Some of the relatives are living in Warsaw for the next few months.
1 Which sentence describes something true all the time? _____
2 Which sentence describes a temporary situation? _____
- 2 a Tulsi is always arguing with her mother and sisters-in-law.
b Tulsi often argues with her mother and sisters-in-law.
1 Which sentence describes something that is generally true? _____
2 Which sentence emphasises the repetition (of something negative)? _____
- 3 a Sol travels to Miami in search of the American dream.
b Sol is travelling to Miami.
1 Which sentence describes a story? _____
2 Which sentence describes something true at the moment of speaking? _____

Read this email from Rona to her friend Milan.

Choose the correct verb forms to complete the email.

To: Milan Spasovski
From: Rona Kalodikis
Subject: My friend from Greece

Dear Milan,

Thanks for your email. It (1) *'s / 's being* great to hear from you again and interesting to hear that your family (2) *moves / is moving* house. I (3) *hope / 'm hoping* they'll like their new home. It's also wonderful that you (4) *start / 're starting* University.

I (5) *write / 'm writing* to ask you a favour. A friend of mine from Greece is going to Britain in three weeks. It'll be his first time and he (6) *doesn't understand / isn't understanding* much English. Would it be possible for you to meet him and let him stay at your flat for the night? He has a great sense of humour and he (7) *looks / is looking* rather like Brad Pitt!

Anyway, let me know if you (8) *don't have / aren't having* time.

Love,

Rona