

Empower B1 U1B

GRAMMAR Present simple and present continuous

a Underline the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 She *is loving / loves / love* reading fashion magazines at the hairdresser's.
- 2 We usually *are going / goes / go* to the café opposite the hotel.
- 3 I *'m reading / read / reading* a great book in English at the moment.
- 4 He *'s wanting / does want / wants* to phone his family in Tokyo. Can he use this phone?
- 5 Why *are you waiting / do you wait / you waiting* for the bus? Let's walk home.
- 6 I hardly ever *am visiting / visit / visits* my cousins in Ireland.
- 7 She *studies / studying / 's studying* French politics at university this term.
- 8 Yes, they're here. They *play / 're playing / playing* a computer game in the living room.

b Complete the conversation with the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets. Use contractions where possible.

ALICE What ¹'s Sarah doing (Sarah, do) in that shop?

NAOMI She ²_____ (buy) some postcards to send to her family.

ALICE Really? I ³_____ generally ⁴_____ (not send) postcards. I usually ⁵_____ (write) a message on my Facebook wall. And sometimes I ⁶_____ (put) a few photos of my holiday on my wall.

NAOMI Yes, me too, but Sarah's grandparents ⁷_____ (not have) a computer, so she ⁸_____ (send) them postcards instead.

ALICE Oh, and what ⁹_____ (Tom and Jack, do) this morning?

NAOMI They ¹⁰_____ (spend) the day at the beach.

ALICE But Tom ¹¹_____ (not like) swimming in the sea. He says the water's too cold.

NAOMI Yes, but it ¹²_____ (be) really hot today!