

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!