

Present Simple VS Present Continuous

A. Circle the correct time expression.

1. I don't go to the cinema a lot - only **every week** / **once a month**.
2. Jack **often** / **rarely** watches documentaries on TV - he loves them!
3. Sam's busy **at the moment** / **in the evening**; he's studying for a test.
4. Helen's in bed **right now** / **sometimes**. She isn't feeling very well.
5. The children wake up on time, so they're **later** / **never** late for school.
6. Lilly relaxes and hangs out with her friends **tonight** / **at the weekend**.
7. My dad and I are going to London **next month** / **usually** - I can't wait!
8. Jane's can't play **today** / **on weekdays** because she's helping her mum.

B. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple.

1. Nick's parents _____ (not / let) him play computer games.
2. My English teacher _____ (make) us do a lot of homework.
3. _____ (you / know) how to pronounce this word in French?
4. My friends and I usually _____ (get) together on Sundays.
5. How long _____ (it / take) to get to school in the morning?
6. You _____ (not / go) to the park very often, do you?
7. Matilda sometimes _____ (cry) when she gets a bad mark.
8. How often _____ (your mum / ask) you to clean your room?

C. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Continuous.

1. Doris _____ (help) her dad wash the car at the moment.
2. Pam, _____ (you / babysit) your little sister this evening?
3. Leave me alone - I _____ (work) on my science project!
4. Listen - someone _____ (try) to unlock the front door!
5. He _____ (not / come) to the school party because he's ill.
6. Ann and her mum _____ (watch) a comedy - it's really funny!
7. John _____ (learn) how to play the violin. He's very talented.
8. _____ (you and Charlie / join) the school art club this year?

D. Which sentence is correct? Write yes next to the correct one.

1. Julia usually washes her clothes on her own.
Julia's usually washing her clothes on her own.
2. The doctor examines the patient at the moment.
The doctor's examining the patient at the moment.
3. Mum is in the kitchen. She makes pizza.
Mum is in the kitchen. She is making pizza.
4. My parents always give me pocket money.
My parents are always giving me pocket money.
5. My friends and I don't like horror films.
My friends and I aren't liking horror films.
6. Listen to the teacher. She explains the grammar rule.
Listen to the teacher. She's explaining the grammar rule.
7. I don't come to your birthday party - I'm sorry!
I'm not coming to your birthday party - I'm sorry!
8. Bob spends his holidays with his grandparents every summer.
Bob is spending his holiday with his grandparents every summer.

E. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.

1. Melanie _____ (work out) at the gym twice a week.
2. We _____ (look for) Harry - where is he?
3. My cousin _____ (visit) me next week - I'm so excited!
4. The bus _____ (leave) in an hour. We'd better hurry up!
5. Jamie can't talk to you now - he _____ (do) his homework.
6. Sophie usually _____ (walk) to school in the morning.
7. _____ (you / come) to my birthday party this Saturday?
8. Pat _____ (not / need) any help; she can manage on her own.