

Present simple and present continuous

We use the **present simple** to talk about things in general.

*I test electrical and plumbing systems. (That's my job.)
He designs buildings. (That's his job. He's an architect.)*

We use the **present continuous** to talk about things that are happening now.

*I'm testing the fire alarms.
He's checking the stock.*

3 Tick the sentences that are true for you. Rewrite the other sentences so they become true for you.

- 1 I'm sitting in a classroom.
- 2 I'm not listening to the radio.
- 3 I work on building sites.
- 4 I'm wearing a helmet.
- 5 I use computers.
- 6 I'm drinking tea.
- 7 I'm planning my next holiday.

4 Complete this conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

A: Hi, Geoff. Good to see you.

B: Same to you, Tony.

A: So, why (1) _____ (you/visit) the site? You normally (2) _____ (stay) in your office.

B: Well, (3) _____ (I/look) for Manuel. I have a report for him.

A: I see. I think (4) _____ (Manuel/have) his lunch at the moment.

B: Ah, OK. Do you know where?

A: (5) _____ (he/train) some new apprentices today. (6) _____ (they/work) with scaffolding in Building 4.

B: OK, thanks.

A: You're welcome.

Speaking **5** Work in pairs. Practise this telephone conversation, then create your own conversations using the prompts.

A: Where are **you**?

B: I'm in the **office**.

A: What are **you** doing?

B: I'm **working** on a **drawing**.

1 on site / testing electrical equipment

2 in the restaurant / meeting a client

3 in the supplier's warehouse / collecting timber

Writing **6** Write down five things you do every week.

I install heating equipment. I write reports ...