

Exercise 7

Read the information. Then complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

Present simple and present continuous

- We use the present simple for activities (action verbs) that happen often (e.g. *I usually drive to work*.).
- We use the present simple for state verbs (e.g. *I want to go*. NOT *I'm wanting to go*.).
- A few verbs (e.g. *live, work, think, have*) can be actions or states, with a slightly different meaning.
- We use the present continuous for activities (action verbs) that are in progress at the time of speaking (e.g. *I'm driving to work at the moment*.).

1. I live/ I'm living with my parents, but I'd like to leave home and live by myself in a year or two.
2. I live/ I'm living with my parents at the moment, while my own flat's being redecorated.
3. I'm afraid the lift isn't working/ doesn't work today. You'll need to use the stairs instead.
4. I don't work / I'm not working for that company now. I left that job last year.
5. We think/ We're thinking of moving to the countryside in a few years' time, but we're not sure.
6. I'm not thinking/ I don't think this is the right house. Are you sure it's the correct address?
7. It's a very small bathroom, so it isn't having/ doesn't have a bath. There's only enough room for a shower.
8. No, now's not a good time to call me. I have/ I'm having a bath at the moment. Can I call you back in twenty minutes?