

Present tense contrast

I can use different tenses to talk about the present and future.

1 Circle the correct tense.

- 1 'What do you do / are you doing tonight?' 'I stay / I'm staying at home.'
- 2 Can you text me when you get / 're getting home?
- 3 The sun rises / is rising in the east and sets / is setting in the west.
- 4 Why do you laugh / are you laughing? It isn't funny!
- 5 My dad leaves / is leaving home every day at eight o'clock.
- 6 My sister always borrows / is always borrowing my clothes. It's really annoying!
- 7 What time does your train arrive / is your train arriving?

2 Match sentences 1–7 in exercise 1 with the uses of tenses a–g below.

Present simple

- a for habits and routines
- b for a permanent situation or fact
- c for timetables and schedules
- d in future time clauses (starting with *when, as soon as, after, if, etc.*)

Present continuous

- e for something happening now or about now
- f for describing annoying behaviour (with *always*)
- g for future arrangements

3 Complete the dialogue with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



- Martin** Hurry up! The film ¹ _____ (start) in ten minutes.
- Hannah** I ² _____ (look for) my phone.
³ _____ you _____ (know) where it is?
- Martin** No. Why ⁴ _____ you always _____ (lose) things? It's so annoying!
- Hannah** I usually ⁵ _____ (keep) it on my bedside table, but it isn't there.
- Martin** ⁶ _____ you _____ (remember) when you last used it?
- Hannah** No – that's the problem.
- Martin** You ⁷ _____ (not need) your phone at the cinema. Look for it when we ⁸ _____ (get back).
- Hannah** I won't have time when we get back.
 I ⁹ _____ (go) straight out again ... It's OK. Here it is! It was in my pocket!

4 Some of the sentences are incorrect. Rewrite them correctly. Tick the correct sentences.

- 1 Mel is belonging to the drama club.

- 2 Do you prefer beach holidays or adventure holidays?

- 3 Call me as soon as you're arriving.

- 4 Jack is hating spaghetti.

- 5 Why are you always interrupting?

- 6 I'm not understanding this maths calculation.

5 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the same verb in each pair of sentences. Use the present simple and present continuous.

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- 1 a That food _____ delicious!
 b What _____ you _____ at?
- 2 a What _____ you _____ about?
 b Who _____ you _____ will win the match?
- 3 a 'Where's Tom?' 'He _____ a shower.'
 b Dogs _____ a good sense of smell.

6 Complete the questions with the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or present continuous. Then write true answers, in complete sentences.

- 1 Where _____ you usually _____ on Saturday mornings? (go)

- 2 What _____ you usually _____ on Saturday mornings? (do)

- 3 What time _____ school _____ and _____? (start / finish)

- 4 What _____ your parents _____ now? (do)
