

# Present tense contrast

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

1 Circle the correct tense.

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

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

Present continuous

- for something happening now or about now
- for describing annoying behaviour (with *always*)
- 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  (start) in ten minutes.
- Hannah I  (look for) my phone.  you  (know) where it is?
- Martin No. Why  you always  (lose) things? It's so annoying!
- Hannah I usually  (keep) it on my bedside table, but it isn't there.
- Martin  you  (remember) when you last used it?
- Hannah No – that's the problem.
- Martin You  (not need) your phone at the cinema. Look for it when we  (get back).
- Hannah I won't have time when we get back. I  (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.

- Mel is belonging to the drama club.
- Do you prefer beach holidays or adventure holidays?
- Call me as soon as you're arriving.
- Jack is hating spaghetti.
- Why are you always interrupting?
- 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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- That food  delicious!
  - What  you  at?
- What  you  about?
  - Who  you  will win the match?
- 'Where's Tom?' 'He  a shower.'
  - 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.

- Where  you usually  on Saturday mornings? (go)
- What  you usually  on Saturday mornings? (do)
- What time  school  and ? (start / finish)
- What  your parents  now? (do)