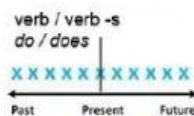


## Present Simple

- things which are always true (happen regularly)



always, usually, often etc.  
once a year  
every day, etc.  
-facts, permanent situations, states  
*Water boils at 100 degrees.*

- timetables  
*The train leaves at 4.*  
*The exams start next Monday.*

- with NON-ACTION verbs (states or feelings)  
*agree, remember, believe, want, love, hate, need, etc.*

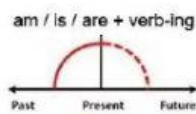
Some verbs can be both ACTION and NON-ACTION:

**HAVE** *I'm having lunch (action)*    **THINK** *I'm thinking about you (action)*  
*I have a cat (possession)*                    *I think this song is great (opinion)*



## Present Continuous

- actions in progress at the time of speaking (now or around now)



now, at the moment

- temporary situations  
*I'm living with my cousin until I find a flat*

- future arrangements  
*I'm meeting John this evening.*  
*We're leaving tomorrow at 7 p.m.*

- annoying habits  
*He is always biting his nails.*

**a** Circle the correct form of the verbs.

**Pavel** What <sup>1</sup>do you study / are you studying?

**Elvira** Humanities.

**Pavel** <sup>2</sup>I do / I'm doing Fine Arts. Where <sup>3</sup>do you come / are you coming from?

**Elvira** I'm from Salamanca, in Spain.

**Pavel** And how many hours of classes <sup>4</sup>do you have / are you having a week?

**Elvira** <sup>5</sup>It depends / It's depending on the week, but usually about 20 hours. <sup>6</sup>Do you know / Are you knowing about the party tonight?

**Pavel** <sup>7</sup>Do you mean / Are you meaning the one for new students? I can't go, because

<sup>8</sup>I get ready / I'm getting ready to move into my flat tomorrow.

**Elvira** Where <sup>9</sup>do you live / are you living at the moment?

**Pavel** <sup>10</sup>I stay / I'm staying in a student hostel.

**Elvira** What <sup>11</sup>do you do / are you doing on Sunday afternoon? If you <sup>12</sup>want / are wanting, we could meet and look around the city.

**Pavel** I'm busy in the afternoon, but what about Sunday morning?

**Elvira** Fine. Where shall we meet?

**b** Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs: present simple or present continuous.

**Maggie** Hello John, what a surprise! What <sup>1</sup>are you doing (do) here?

**John** The same as you probably! I <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a few things for dinner.

**Maggie** How are things? Are you still working at the same place?

**John** Yes, but I <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not like) it very much. My boss <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (depend) on me for everything. The worst thing is that she always <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (get) the credit and I <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (do) all the work!

**Maggie** That <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (sound) terrible. <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (have to) go back to work this afternoon?

**John** No, I only work until lunchtime on Fridays because I always <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (have) lunch with my friend Paula. She <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not work) on Fridays, so we usually <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) at that nice little Italian restaurant in town. <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to come?

**Maggie** I'd love to, but I <sup>13</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (need) to get home. My sister <sup>14</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) with us for a few days. Some other time!