

Practice

A Present Continuous or Present Simple? (1–2)

At work Mark is talking to Alan in the corridor. Complete their conversation.

Put in the Present Continuous or Present Simple of the verbs.

- Mark: ► Are you looking (you / look) for someone?
 Alan: Yes, ► I need (I / need) to speak to Neil. He isn't in his office.
 Mark: (1) (he / talk) to the boss at the moment.
 (2) (I / think)
 (3) (they / discuss) money.
 Alan: Oh, right. And what about you? (4) (you / look) for someone too?
 Mark: Yes, Linda. (5) (you / know) where she is?
 Alan: Oh, she isn't here today. She only (6) (work) four days a week.
 (7) (she / not / work) on Fridays. She'll be here on Monday.
 Mark: Thank you. (8) (you / know) a lot about Linda.
 Alan: Well, most days (9) (I / give) her a lift, or
 (10) (she / give) me one. (11)
 (she / live) quite close to me. (12) (it / save) petrol.
 Mark: Yes, of course. Good idea. Yes, (13) (I / agree). Well,
 (14) (I / waste) my time here then. I'll get back to my computer.

B Present Continuous or Present Simple? (1–3)

Complete the sentences. Put in the Present Continuous or Present Simple of the verbs.

- I'm writing (I / write) to my parents. I write (I / write) to them every weekend.
 1 (it / snow) outside. (it / come) down quite hard, look.
 2 Normally (I / start) work at eight o'clock, but (I / start) at seven this week. We're very busy at the moment.
 3 I haven't got a car at the moment, so (I / go) to work on the bus this week. Usually (I / drive) to work.
 4 The sun (rise) in the east, remember. It's behind us so (we / travel) west.
 5 I'm afraid I have no time to help just now. (I / write) a report. But (I / promise) I'll give you some help later.
 6 (I / want) a new car. (I / save) up to buy one.

C Always (4)

Complete the sentences. Use *always* and the Present Continuous or Present Simple.

- Melanie: Tom talks too much, doesn't he?
 Rita: Yes, and he's always talking about football.
 ► Laura: You forget your keys every time.
 Trevor: I try to remember them, but I always forget.
 1 Claire: Sarah takes the train every day, doesn't she?
 Mark: Yes, the train.
 2 Vicky: Rachel misses lectures much too often in my opinion.
 Emma: I agree. lectures.
 3 Mike: Every time I drive along here, I go the wrong way.
 Harriet: But it's very simple, isn't it? Why the wrong way?
 4 David: Trevor and Laura argue much too often, I think.
 Melanie: I know.