

Present simple / present continuous — part 2

a) Copy these classnotes in your notebook:

We use the **present simple** to talk about **permanent situations**.

Example:

Your sister **works** for the BBC, doesn't she?

We use the **present continuous** to talk about **temporary situations**.

Example:

Your sister **is working** as a waitress during the summer, isn't she?

b) Look at these pictures and complete the sentences below using the **present simple** (for **permanent** situations or habitual actions) or the **present continuous** (for **temporary** situations or actions happening now).



1. Adam _____ (have) a job as a lifeguard at the local swimming pool. He _____ (work) a lot this week because many school children _____ (have) their first swimming lessons. Right now, children from two different schools _____ (swim) in the pool.



2. Barry _____ (study) at secondary school. This week he _____ (study) the Middle Ages.



3. Carol _____ (drive) a Ford. Her car is in the garage because it _____ (not work) at present, so she _____ (drive) a rented car this week.



4. Diana _____ (plays) the acoustic guitar, but today she _____ (play) a Spanish guitar for a change.



5. Ethan often _____ (listen) to music on his mobile, but now he _____ (use) a walkman because his mobile _____ (not work).



6. Fiona normally _____ (carry) her baby in a big black pram, but now she _____ (be) on holidays on the coast, and that pram _____ (be) too big for their car, so she _____ (use) a small green pram during their holidays.



7. Georgina normally _____ (wear) a red helmet, but she doesn't know where it is, so today she _____ (wear) her brother's blue one.



8. Helen _____ (live) in a flat in London, but this weekend she _____ (stay) at a friend's flat in Birmingham.