

Present Simple Vs Present Continuous

Complete the text with the present simple or the present continuous.

Here are some photos of my new friends. This is Amei. She (be) an artist, but at the moment she (work) as a teacher. She (not like) teaching very much! And this is Bruce, her husband. This is Hernan. He's from Santiago, Chile. He (be) a maths teacher but he (do) his Master's in education in the USA at the moment. In the photo he (smile) because he passed an exam that day!

This is Julio from Colombia. He (have) a job in an oil company. In the picture he (play) his guitar - he's really good! The other picture is Natasha from Trinidad. She graduated last year and she (look) for a job. Her parents (visit) her at the moment.

Past Simple

Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple.

ANGRY MOTHER PUNISHES SIXTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD SON

AN ANGRY MOTHER (take) the house keys and money away from her sixty-one-year-old son, because he (stay) out late at night, and (not tell) her where he planned to go when he (go) out. The mother, who is eighty-one years old, even went to the police in Caltagione, Italy, the town where she lives. She (ask) the police to tell her son that he should 'grow up' and behave in a better way towards his mother.

The son (complain) that it was his mother who was the problem. He (say) that he (not get) enough money every week, and that his mother (not cook) well. 'It's not my fault,' he (tell) reporters. 'She always treats me badly. And her cooking is really awful!'

A police officer (talk) to the mother and the son, and they finally (decide) to go home together.