

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.