

Present Simple vs. Present Continuous

1) Match the sentences (1–7) with the grammar rules (A–G).

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| 1 The main character, Ethan, goes to the theatre and finds a stranger waiting for him. | A present simple for habits, facts and repeated actions |
| 2 You're getting better at running all the time – well done! | B present simple to describe what happens in a film or book |
| 3 There are often people on the beach in the mornings. | C present simple with stative verbs |
| 4 Madison's always playing computer games when he should be doing his homework. | D present continuous for changing situations |
| 5 I sleep in at the weekends because I don't go to school. | E present continuous with <i>always</i> for something that happens often and is annoying |
| 6 Jody doesn't have enough time to go riding every evening. | F adverb after the verb to be |
| 7 It's such a lovely day, I feel like going for a run. | G adverbial phrase of frequency used at the end of a sentence |

2) Order the following sentences and questions so that they make sense.

- 1 rugby / on / play / usually / my / friends / Saturdays / with / I
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- 2 today / exhausted / I / pretty / feel
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- 3 ten / out / Belle / tennis / of / times / practice / misses / nine
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- 4 am / skills / improving / baseball / my / I
.....
- 5 doing / Kylie / ballet / is / at / training / moment / the / her
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- 6 loves / Brooke / guitar / in / playing / the / band
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- 7 online / Jamie / to / who / chatting / is / ?
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- 8 is / asking / Billie / my / always / taking / football / without
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- 3) Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Do you want to find your DREAM?

It's OK if you've got a dream, but what if you 1 _____ (want) to find something cool to do and aren't sure what it is yet?

A lot of people who 2 _____ (not know) what they want end up doing what other people think they should do. Ask people what their dreams are and you often find they're different from what they 3 _____ (actually/do) right now. Be the one who's brave enough to do something different!

Think: what 4 _____ (you/always/think) about? 5 _____ (you/feel) excited about sport, art, music...? What can't you live without? If you 6 _____ (always/complain) because you have to practise the piano and can't help being envious of the drummer in that band – quit the piano and learn the drums instead.

The important thing is to set goals to keep yourself motivated. If you stick to them, you'll soon realise that you 7 _____ (improve) all the time and are well on the way to achieving your dream!

