

# Present simple vs. continuous

a Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous.

The girl in the painting is playing the guitar. (play)

- 1 My dog's not dangerous. He \_\_\_\_\_. (not bite)
- 2 Why \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ sunglasses?  
It \_\_\_\_\_.! (wear, rain)
- 3 You can turn off the radio. I \_\_\_\_\_ to it. (not listen)
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ to find a cash machine. (need)
- 5 Be careful! The baby \_\_\_\_\_ your pen in her mouth! (put)
- 6 A \_\_\_\_\_ you usually \_\_\_\_\_ at weekends? (cook)  
B No, we normally \_\_\_\_\_ out. (eat)
- 7 A What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ here? (do)  
B I \_\_\_\_\_ for Emma. She's late, as usual. (wait)
- 8 I usually \_\_\_\_\_ tea, but  
I \_\_\_\_\_ a coffee today. (drink, want)
- 9 She's an administrator. She \_\_\_\_\_ from 9.00 to 5.00. (work)
- 10 Marc \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris, but  
he \_\_\_\_\_ in Nice at the moment. (live, work)

b Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of a verb from the list. Use contractions where possible.

drink drive like live  
rain sleep study wear

- 1 We like \_\_\_\_\_ this painting very much – it's really interesting.
- 2 Charles always \_\_\_\_\_ to work.
- 3 Shhhh! The children \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 We can't play tennis today.  
It \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Fiona \_\_\_\_\_ four cups of coffee every day.
- 6 Kathy always \_\_\_\_\_ jeans at home.
- 7 They can't come to the theatre because they \_\_\_\_\_ for the exam tomorrow.
- 8 My parents \_\_\_\_\_ in a big house in the country.

## The Remake Project

The **REMAKE PROJECT** was the idea of Canadian artist Jeff Hamada. He asked readers of his website to remake a famous work of art as a photo. Hundreds of people sent photos to the project and the photos appeared in blogs, in newspapers, and in a book.



c You're going to listen to an art expert talking about Vermeer and *The Milkmaid*. Look at the painting again. Try to answer the questions.





- What century did Vermeer live in?  
a 15th b 17th c 19th
- Where was he from?  
a Holland b Germany c Russia
- What kind of things did he usually paint?  
a everyday scenes b portraits of rich people  
c trees and flowers
- What is the milkmaid probably making?  
a butter b bread c a pudding
- How many of Vermeer's paintings exist today?  
a 4 b 34 c 304
- Why was the painting expensive to make?  
a Because it's very big.  
b Because some of the paints were very expensive.  
c Because he rented an expensive studio.



Official Website

Detail of the painting  
*The Procuress* (c.1656),  
believed to be a self  
portrait by Vermeer



Vincent van Gogh



#### Describing a picture (a painting or photo)

When we describe a picture, we normally use *There is / There are* to say what's in the picture, and we use the present continuous to say what the people are doing, e.g. *There's a table with some bread on it. The woman is standing next to the table.*

*"A man paints with his brain, and not  
with his hands."*

Michelangelo, Italian painter and sculptor



- d Now look at the photo again. Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the list.

above behind between in in front of in the corner  
in the middle of next to on (x2) on the left of under

- The young man is in the kitchen.
- There's a table \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the table there are some eggs, some bread, and some strawberries.
- The bread is \_\_\_\_\_ the table. It's \_\_\_\_\_ the eggs and the strawberries.
- There's a board \_\_\_\_\_ the bread.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the man, there's an old washing machine.
- There's a window \_\_\_\_\_ the photo.
- \_\_\_\_\_ of the room there's a sink and some cleaning products.
- There's a flower \_\_\_\_\_ the wall \_\_\_\_\_ the sink.
- The sink is \_\_\_\_\_ the window.



- e Look at the photo, a remake of van Gogh's painting *The bedroom*. Complete the sentences with a preposition from the list.

above behind between in front of  
next to on on the left under

- There's a painting of a man on the left of the painting of the woman.
- There are some clothes \_\_\_\_\_ the bed.
- There's a chair \_\_\_\_\_ the bed and the table.
- There's a small cup \_\_\_\_\_ the two jugs  
\_\_\_\_\_ the table.
- The two pillows on the bed are \_\_\_\_\_ each other.
- There's a mirror \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
- The chair by the bed is \_\_\_\_\_ the window.

- f On our Google Classroom, you will find some famous paintings. Choose one to make your own "Remake Project". Once you take the photo upload it on our "tablón" with, at least, ten sentences describing your picture using present continuous and prepositions of place.



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