



I can use different tenses to talk about the present.

1 Match the verbs in bold in sentences 1–5 with functions a–e.

- 1 ☒ I **know** the answer.
- 2 ☐ Chris **is doing** his homework.
- 3 ☐ Sara **works** in a hospital.
- 4 ☐ I'm **working** at a restaurant for the summer.
- 5 ☐ School **starts** at 8 a.m.

- a a temporary situation
- b a present action
- c a state verb
- d a routine
- e a permanent situation

2 Complete the sentences with the Present Continuous form of the verbs below.

discuss leave ~~not come~~ not have
not live rain think

- 1 We don't need to wait for Gary – he isn't coming with us.
- 2 Oh no! It _____! We can't have a picnic now.
- 3 I _____ at home now. Builders are redecorating our house this month.
- 4 Cate _____ about starting dance classes.
- 5 Oh no! Jill and Charles _____ politics again!
- 6 _____ (you) already? You only got here a few minutes ago!
- 7 My brothers _____ dinner with us tonight. They're at a summer camp.

3 Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or Present Continuous form of TWO of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I hear you 're learning to play the drums – is that right? (hear / learn / think)
- 2 I usually _____ for the school bus, but this morning I _____ a lift from my dad. (get / take / wait)
- 3 Mia usually _____ to work, but today she _____ by train. (take / come / drive)
- 4 Quick, the film _____! You _____ the best part! (finish / miss / start)
- 5 I _____ my football coach because she always _____ me to do my best. (encourage / give / like)

4 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences. One sentence is correct.

- 1 My aunt and uncle ~~are having~~ two children. They're eight and twelve.
have
- 2 I don't agree with the government's new education policy. What are you thinking?

- 3 Please don't disturb me. I'm doing my homework.

- 4 We stay in a different hotel this year because the place we usually stay in is closed for the summer.

- 5 Don't ask Phil for the answer. He isn't knowing.

- 6 Let's just sit down here. The game starts.

5 Complete the message with the Present Simple or Present Continuous form of the verbs below.

close do enjoy have (x2) love ~~not know~~
not work practise sell stay want

Hey Ben!

How are things? I ¹don't know if you know, but I've got a summer job in Munich for a few weeks. I ²_____ with my German cousins who live here. It's great here and I ³_____ myself a lot.

I'm working in a small shop which ⁴_____ designer clothes and the other people here are really nice. We always ⁵_____ lots of fun in the day. In the evening when the shop ⁶_____, we usually all ⁷_____ dinner together somewhere. I ⁸_____ Munich! It's a really interesting city and I ⁹_____ my German too!

What ¹⁰_____ (you) this summer? ¹¹_____ (you) to come and visit me in Munich? It would be great to see you again and there's lots of space at my cousins' house. I ¹²_____ at weekends, so we could spend some time together. Let me know!

Harry