

Present Continuous

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Read the email. Then choose the right words and write them on the lines.



Dear Paolo,

Here is 1) ... a ... picture of my family. I hope you like it. My brother, my sister and I 2) a snowman. My brother, Ben, is wearing a red hat and a yellow scarf. Ben is putting a black hat on the snowman. We are laughing 3) the snowman 4) funny. My mum, Julia, is standing by the door and she is watching all of us. She is drinking a 5) of coffee. My dad, John, is cleaning the snow off the car. We also 6) two dogs. As you can see, they are playing in the snow.

Please send 7) a photo of your family soon.

Take care,

Gina

1 A a	B an	C the
2 A make	B making	C are making
3 A and	B because	C but
4 A looks	B look	C is looking

5 A jug	B cup	C carton
6 A having	B has	C have
7 A me	B my	C mine



GET IN LINE

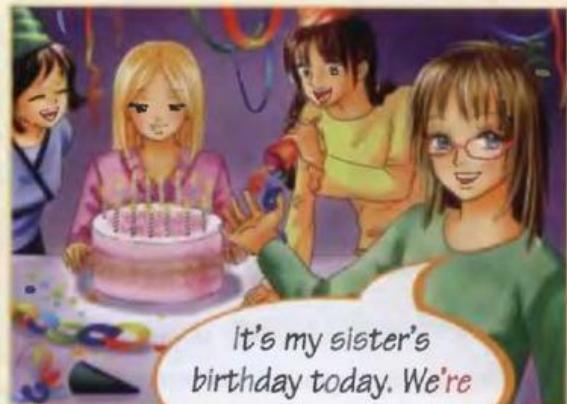
In groups, put the cards your teacher gives you in the right order to form sentences.





26 Listen and repeat.

My sister usually **watches** TV in the evening and I **play** computer games.



It's my sister's
birthday today. We're
having a party.

Present Simple vs Present Continuous

We use the **present simple** for permanent states and repeated or habitual actions.

Time expressions used with the present simple:

every day / week / month / year, usually, often, always, rarely, never, sometimes, in the morning / evening / afternoon, at night, etc.

We use the **present continuous** for temporary states or actions, or for actions happening at the moment of speaking.

Time expressions used with the present continuous:

now, at present, at the moment, today, tonight

Some verbs are usually only used in the simple tenses.

believe, belong, decide, forget, hate, hear, know, live, like, love, need, remember, smell, see, think, understand, want, etc.

The verb **have** is only used in the simple tenses when it means **possess**. Otherwise, it is used in the continuous tenses as well.

I **have** two cars at present. **BUT** She **is having** a bath now.

7 Circle the correct form of the verb.

- 1 Mum **cleans** / **is cleaning** the kitchen at the moment.
- 2 We always **do** / **are doing** our homework.
- 3 My friends **play** / **are playing** football now.
- 4 Julie usually **walks** / **is walking** to school.
- 5 I **wear** / **am wearing** my new T-shirt today.
- 6 I **don't know** / **'m not knowing** his name.
- 7 Ethan **loves** / **is loving** rock music.
- 8 I sometimes **meet** / **are meeting** my friends after school.
- 9 Sara **works** / **is working** hard these days.
- 10 Ivan **doesn't want** / **isn't wanting** to do his homework.
- 11 This bag **is** mine. It **is belonging** / **belongs** to me.

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Write sentences as in the example:

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Usually	Today
	

• pilot • fly / a plane • ride a horse

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Usually	Today
	

• cooks • cook • eat / in a restaurant

She is a pilot. She usually flies a plane. Today, she is riding a horse.

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Usually	Today
	

• musician • play / the piano • listen / a CD

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Usually	Today
	

• teacher • teach / students • read a book

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Choose the correct item.

1 Look at him! He a horse.
A rides B riding C is riding

2 He usually tennis in the afternoon.
A plays B play C is playing

3 What in the kitchen, Mum?
A do you B are you doing C you do

4 She dinner now.
A isn't having B doesn't have C don't have

5 He comic books every day.
A read B is reading C reads

6 Be quiet! The baby
A sleep B sleeps C is sleeping

7 he like exercising?
A Do B Does C Is

8 Look! The dog with the ball.
A plays B is playing C are playing