# UNIT 1A: PRESENT SIMPLE VS CONTINUOUS

**Read the theory and solve the activities.**

## 1 Choose the correct answer.

0 We *rarely see* / *'re rarely seeing* each other now.
1 I *sleep* / *'m sleeping* on Nick's sofa until I find a place of my own.
2 I *only work* / *'m only working* there for a couple of months – I'm going abroad in the summer.
3 If you *don't listen* / *aren't listening* to the radio, why don't you switch it off?
4 His only bad habit is that he *talks* / *is talking* too loudly.
5 So, in the first scene, we *see* / *are seeing* him getting up. Then he *goes out* / *is going out* and *meets* / *is meeting* a strange woman.
6 You *make* / *are making* goulash with meat, vegetables and paprika.
7 I never do anything I *feel* / *'m feeling* is against my principles.
8 He *appears* / *'s appearing* to be very friendly but I don't know him very well.
9 There's nobody at the door. You *just hear* / *'re just hearing* things.
10 So, what *do you think* / *are you thinking*? Is it a good idea?

## 2 Complete the sentences. Use the present simple or present continuous of the verbs in brackets.

0 Diane's father .owns. (own) that restaurant over there.
1 My sister ..... (wait) patiently for her exam results.
2 We ..... (not travel) by train very often.
3 I ..... (consider) accepting that job offer in Cambridge.
4 The film ..... (end) with a dramatic car chase.
5 I'm sorry, I ..... (feel) too tired to go out this evening.
6 We ..... (have) a great time here in London.
7 ..... (you / see) much of your brother these days?
8 We ..... (rely on) you to bring the keys with you.
9 I'm really sorry; I ..... (wish) I could help you.
10 Who ..... (you / think) you are, speaking to me like that!

## 3 Complete the sentences. Use the present simple or present continuous of the verbs in brackets.

0 We .always visit. (visit / always) my grandparents at weekends but Aunt Roberta .never comes. (come / never) with us.
1 I ..... (use / never) my mobile phone if I ..... (drive).
2 I ..... (get) lots of emails every day but I ..... (seem / never) to have the time to reply!
3 The heroine ..... (prefer) to be with Paul because James ..... (argue / always).
4 Maria ..... (forget / always) what time the soap ..... (start).
5 You ..... (moan / always) about the state of the flat but you ..... (help / never) me tidy it up!
6 She ..... (criticise / always) people! That's why she ..... (not have) any friends!
7 Whether he ..... (go out) or not ..... (depend / always) on how busy he is.
8 I ..... (shop / never) here – they ..... (be / always) so rude!
9 We ..... (smell / always) food cooking when we ..... (pass) her house.
10 He ..... (borrow / always) money! And he ..... (pay / never) me back!

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**4** **Complete the email. Use the present simple or present continuous of the verbs in the box.**

*cost* *depend* *go* *have* *look* *love* *make* *stay* *still / study* *taste* ~~*write*~~

Hi Rosa,

I (0) 'm writing to you from an Internet café in the city centre. I (1)..... in a cheap hotel near Plaza Catalunya. It (2)..... just forty euros a night – not bad!

Barcelona is a really exciting city and I (3)..... a wonderful time! This morning I visited the Sagrada Familia – a famous Catholic church in Barcelona. It's really weird – it (4)..... like a wedding cake! Later today I might go to the beach – it (5)..... on the weather.

The food's great. Crema Catalana is my favourite – I just (6)..... it! It's a dessert they (7)..... here with cold custard and sugar on top. It (8)..... absolutely delicious!

So, everything (9)..... well here. What about you? Is everything OK back in rainy Milan? (10)..... (you) for your exam next week?

See you soon!

Paola

**5** **Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.**

0 It's usually getting very cold here in the winter.
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1 This week, the government holds a conference on nuclear energy.
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2 Water is consisting of hydrogen and oxygen.
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3 Things are get more and more expensive all the time. It really makes me angry!
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4 I've got nowhere to live, so I stay with a friend for now.
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5 Is this car belonging to you, sir?
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6 You always moaning! Stop it!
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7 In the novel, the story is taking place in Florence.
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