

#### 4 Read the letters two students wrote to Mr Jackson.



Dylan

1 I'm a friendly person and I'm popular at school. I'm funny – I can make people laugh easily. I usually work hard and I'm polite to the teachers. Music is important to me. I had guitar lessons last year and I'm learning to play the keyboard now. I do a lot of sport. I play hockey twice a week and I go swimming every Tuesday. I'm teaching my little brother to swim at the moment. He's really enjoying it.

2 I love school. Art's my favourite subject. At the moment I'm painting a picture of the sea. I'm really pleased with it. I like to be busy – I'm not a lazy person. I also like helping other people. My neighbour's quite old and I often go shopping with her. She always tells me I'm very kind. She is going to be 85 soon. My mum and I are planning a party for her.



Gabby

#### 5 Find the words in the box in the letters. Then use them to complete the sentences.

busy friendly funny kind lazy  
pleased polite popular

- 1 My brother's very ..... . He lies in bed until midday and never does any work.
- 2 I was really ..... when I got a good mark for my maths homework.
- 3 Sonia is very ..... . She always thinks of other people and tries to help them.
- 4 Everyone likes Toby. He's the most ..... boy in the school.
- 5 Our teacher is very ..... – she always makes us laugh.
- 6 When I speak to adults I try to be .....
- 7 Sara is very ..... She smiles a lot and she's easy to talk to.
- 8 I'm really ..... at the moment – I've got lots of things to do.

#### GRAMMAR Present simple and present continuous

#### 6 Complete the table with examples of present simple and continuous from the two letters.

Present simple	Present continuous
I usually work hard.	I'm learning to play the keyboard.

#### 7 Complete the rules.

- 1 We use the present ..... to talk about things happening now, at the moment.
- 2 We use the present ..... to talk about things that are always true or happen regularly.

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#### 8 Choose the correct form of the verb.

- 1 I watch / am watching Spartak Moscow play football every week.
- 2 What do you usually eat / are you usually eating for dinner?
- 3 Sorry, I can't talk now, I'm busy. I'm practising / I practise the piano.
- 4 We learned about rivers last term and now we learn / are learning about forests.
- 5 I'm quite lazy – I don't always do / I'm not always doing my homework.
- 6 My dad is teaching / teaches me how to play tennis at the moment.

#### Corpus challenge

Can you correct the mistake in this sentence?  
It rains a lot at the moment.

#### WRITING

#### 9 Write a paragraph about yourself. Make notes first. Think of some:

- adjectives to describe yourself
- things you like and don't like
- sports and hobbies you usually do
- things you are learning/planning/doing now.