

Match sentences a-f with the uses of the present tense (1-6).

- 1 something that happens regularly
- 2 verbs not used in continuous tenses
- 3 something happening at this moment
- 4 stating a fact or law
- 5 something happening around this time
- 6 a future plan

- a I am leaving for London at 6 a.m. tomorrow.
- b The Earth goes around the sun.
- c I always play basketball on Saturdays.
- d They are spending a lot of time together these days.
- e I need some help with homework.
- f Look outside – it's snowing!

Underline the correct words to complete the conversation.

EMMA Hi, Joe. What (1) do you buy / are you buying?

JOE Hello, Emma. (2) I'm buying / I buy some new trousers.

EMMA But (3) you're usually wearing / you usually wear jeans and trainers.

JOE Yes, (4) I'm knowing / I know. (5) I'm trying / I try to dress smartly in my new job.

EMMA Well, (6) I'm liking / I like them.

JOE Good, and, look, (7) I wear / I'm wearing some new shoes that I bought yesterday.

EMMA Wow, (8) they're looking / they look great!

JOE Thanks. (9) Are you wearing / Do you wear a new dress?

EMMA Yes, (10) I do / I am. What (11) are you thinking / do you think?

JOE It's really nice. Hey, (12) do you want / are you wanting to go for a coffee?

EMMA Sorry, I can't. (13) I wait / I'm waiting for my boyfriend. (14) He's parking / He parks the car.

JOE OK, never mind. Bye!

2. Complete the sentences. Use the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in the box.

walk spend cost drink wear

watch wait go rain like

- 1 Karen never ...wears... dresses to work. She ...likes... wearing trousers.
- 2 He can't talk to you right now. He a football match on TV.
- 3 I for you in front of the underground station. Don't be late!
- 4 We normally orange juice with breakfast and water with lunch.
- 5 It more than £100 to buy a ticket for the men's tennis final at Wimbledon.
- 6 It hard now, so we can't go for a walk by the river.
- 7 We often our holidays in the mountains.
- 8 Yes, we usually home by bus, but we home now.

3. Complete the conversation with the correct form of the present continuous or present simple.

SHARON Hi, Jason. How are you? What (1) (do)?

JASON Right now I (2) (cook) dinner.

SHARON Really? But you never (3) (cook).

JASON Well, I'm a bit bored with the meals at the student café. I (4) (make) spaghetti with tomato sauce.

SHARON Very good. Usually when I (5) (make) it I (6) (put) in lots of pepper.

JASON Pepper? OK I (7) (add) it now.

SHARON But not too much. Jason? Jason? What's that noise? Are you there?

JASON Sorry, I dropped the phone. I (8) (try) to cook and talk to you at the same time.

6. Complete the conversations with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

1 A What ...*are you doing*..... (you / do)?

B (we / get) ready to go out. Would you like to come with us?

A Not really, no. (I / watch) a film. It's really good.

2 A What's that noise?

B Sorry, it's my friend Harry. (he / sing).

A Wow! He's quite good.

B Yes, (he / sing) in a band every weekend. (They / often / play) concerts.

3 A (you / play) that computer game again?

B No, (I / try) to sell my guitar on the Internet.

A Really? Why (you / do) that?

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 She usually / *today* wears black clothes.

2 She's wearing bright colours usually / *today*.

3 They *never* / are not visit museums. They don't like them.

4 My parents aren't at home. They are visiting a museum *sometimes* / *this morning*.

5 Wow! Look! Tom *dances* / *'s dancing*! He doesn't usually dance.

6 I *enjoy* / *'m enjoying* the party. Thanks for inviting me!

7 I always watch the football *at weekends* / *at the moment*.

8 We don't go out *now* / often.