

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

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| <b>1</b> something that happens regularly     | <b>a</b> I am leaving for London at 6 a.m. tomorrow.          |
| <b>2</b> verbs not used in continuous tenses  | <b>b</b> The Earth goes around the sun.                       |
| <b>3</b> something happening at this moment   | <b>c</b> I always play basketball on Saturdays.               |
| <b>4</b> stating a fact or law                | <b>d</b> They are spending a lot of time together these days. |
| <b>5</b> something happening around this time | <b>e</b> I need some help with homework.                      |
| <b>6</b> a future plan                        | <b>f</b> 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*.