# 4.4 Grammar

## Present Simple and Present Continuous

**GRAMMAR** Present Simple and Present Continuous

We use the Present Simple for things we do regularly.
*Lena never gets up before eleven at the weekend.*

We use the Present Continuous for something happening now/at the moment.
*Lena's working on her school project right now.*

**1** ● Mark the sentences N (now) or R (regular).

1 [R] I usually have a shower before breakfast.
2 [ ] My dad always drives to work.
3 [ ] Katy is swimming at the moment.
4 [ ] Pete is waiting for me at the bus stop.
5 [ ] We don't have dinner at 6.30 at the weekend.
6 [ ] My sister is playing games on her computer.

**2** ● Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 | [d] They aren't | a | do homework at school. |
| 2 | [ ] We don't | b | are having a salad for lunch. |
| 3 | [ ] He always | c | she work on Saturdays? |
| 4 | [ ] Today we | d | ~~doing a Chemistry test.~~ |
| 5 | [ ] Does | e | feeling sad? |
| 6 | [ ] Are you | f | has fish for dinner. |

**3** ● Mark the time expressions PS (Present Simple) or PC (Present Continuous).

1 right now *PC*
2 at the weekend ___
3 never ___
4 on Thursdays ___
5 sometimes ___
6 today ___
7 every day ___
8 always ___
9 at the moment ___

**4** ●● Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or Present Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 I usually *have* cereal for breakfast, but today I'*m having* eggs and toast. (have)
2 Lindy usually _____ black clothes, but today she _____ a yellow dress. (wear)
3 My dad usually _____ in town, but today he _____ at home. (work)
4 Mum usually _____ films on TV, but today she _____ a music competition. (watch)
5 We usually _____ English from a textbook, but today we _____ an English song. (learn)

**5** ●● Make questions in the Present Simple or Present Continuous. Use full forms.

1 A: *Where do you live?* (where / you / live / ?)
B: In Baker Street.
2 A: _____ (what / you / read / ?)
B: My new book.
3 A: _____ (Kenny / like / Chinese food / ?)
B: Oh, yes!
4 A: _____ (where / Jim / go / ?)
B: To his French class. He's late.
5 A: _____ (what / the teacher / write / ?)
B: Some sentences in the Present Simple.
6 A: _____ (Mark and Angela / study / French / on Fridays / ?)
B: No, on Thursdays.

**6** ●●● Complete the dialogue with these words.

~~are~~ does go isn't says usually working works

Sam: Hi, Liz. [1] *Are* you coming shopping with us? We want to buy some T-shirts.
Liz: Oh yes! I don't often [2] _____ clothes shopping. And I haven't got many T-shirts.
Sam: We [3] _____ go to the shops on the High Street.
Liz: Cool! My sister [4] _____ in a clothes shop there every Saturday. She [5] _____ that it's really good. We can go there.
Sam: [6] _____ she work many hours?
Liz: No, only mornings.
Sam: Is she [7] _____ today?
Liz: No. Today's Friday, so she [8] _____ working now.

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