4.4 Grammar

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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.

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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