

GRAMMAR

present simple and present continuous



1 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of these verbs. Use the same verb for both gaps.

eat listen play snow study tidy watch wear

- 1 We usually volleyball but at the moment we basketball.
- 2 Today she jeans, but most of the time she a skirt.
- 3 I often cereal for breakfast, but this morning I toast.
- 4 Today Peter to the radio, although he usually to music on his MP3 player.
- 5 We tennis from Wimbledon on the TV now. We it every year.
- 6 That's strange – look, it outside. It never in June!
- 7 My sister her room at the moment – she only it once a week.
- 8 My friends and I often together but today we on our own.



2 Complete the questions to a friend. Use **you** and the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 What (listen) to? It sounds like a group that I know.
- 2 You look worried. What (think) about?
- 3 (understand) the homework? Can you explain it to me?
- 4 Are you reading the new Elena Rose book? What (think) of it?
- 5 Why (talk) to me that way? Are you upset?
- 6 (often / listen) to classical music?
- 7 I'm not sure I understand. What (mean)?
- 8 What's Madrid like? (have) a good time?

3 1.1 Listen to Jess talking to her best friend Amelia. Answer the questions. Write full sentences in the present simple or present continuous.

- 1 Where do Jess's aunt and uncle live?
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- 2 What's the weather like in Manchester?
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- 3 What is Jess doing?
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- 4 Where do Jess and her aunt and uncle sometimes go in the evenings?
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- 5 How does Amelia feel?
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- 6 Why does Amelia have to go?
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4 1.2 Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences from the recording. Listen again and check your answers.

- 1 It seems / is seeming as if you're in the next room.
- 2 Do you joke / Are you joking? It's completely different here.
- 3 I don't believe / am not believing it!
- 4 They build / are building a swimming pool now.
- 5 We hear / are hearing them all the time in the garden.
- 6 Hang on a minute – I hold / am holding the phone out now.
- 7 They don't sound / aren't sounding like British birds at all!
- 8 He makes / is making breakfast this morning.



5 Complete the text with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Young chefs



Antonio comes from Brazil, but at the moment he ¹ (visit) his aunt in Brighton. He ² (stay) with his English aunt for the school holidays. He ³ (like) his aunt very much, so today he ⁴ (want) to cook dinner for her.

Antonio says:

'English food ⁵ (taste) very different from the food back home. To be honest, I think it is a bit boring. So today I ⁶ (make) a traditional Brazilian meal for my aunt to try. I ⁷ (use) a recipe I found on the internet. It ⁸ (look) good in the photos, so let's hope she likes it!'



