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?

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!'



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