

Climate change and school

1 Complete the rules with *simple* or *continuous*.

- We use the present _____ to talk about ...
A our lives and things we do every day, week, etc.
B how we think or feel about something.
- We use the present _____ to talk about ...
A things that are happening now.
B things that are happening around now (today, this week, etc.).

2 Choose the correct alternative. Then match to the rules (1A, 1B, 2A or 2B) in Ex 1.

- Siri **works / is working** very hard at the moment. ____
- We **travel / are travelling** to school by bus every day. ____
- 'Where's Jamal?' 'He **writes / is writing** an essay in his bedroom.' ____
- 'Whose bag is that?' 'I think it **belongs / is belonging** to Amy.' ____
- Every year, some students **fail / are failing** their exams because they **don't revise / aren't revising**. ____
- A **Do you like / Are you liking** netball, Anya? ____
B No, it's boring. I **prefer / are preferring** basketball. ____
- Our science lessons are always interesting – this week we **study / are studying** the water cycle. ____
- Nasser **wants / is wanting** to be a climate scientist when he grows up. ____



3 Complete the interview with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- A So Tariq, what ¹ _____ (think) of your new classroom? Having your lessons on a boat seems strange.
- B It is a bit strange, but I ² _____ (like) it. Going to school on a boat is really cool.
- A ³ _____ (understand) why the boat is necessary?
- B Yes, of course. It's because of climate change. We ⁴ _____ (learn) about it in our science class this week. The climate ⁵ _____ (change) and it means there is more water in the river. So we can't get to school by road.
- A What is it like to study on a boat?
- B It's exciting. At first it was strange, but now it ⁶ _____ (get) easier. It ⁷ _____ (have) desks, chairs and whiteboards – just like a normal school. And there are exams soon. Sometimes I ⁸ _____ (forget) I'm on a boat.
- A ⁹ _____ (work) hard for your exams?
- B Yes, I ¹⁰ _____ (revise) for my exams at the moment. I ¹¹ _____ (want) to go to university and study climate science, and I ¹² _____ (know) it's important to get good grades at school.

4 Choose the correct alternative: A or B.

- I _____ that climate change is a big problem.
A believe B am believing
- We _____ about 20th-century history at the moment.
A learn B are learning
- Whose is that book? It _____ to me.
A doesn't belong B isn't belonging
- You _____ good grades to get into university.
A need B are needing
- The weather is bad this week so we _____ sport.
A don't play B aren't playing
- I can't chat now, I _____ for a test tomorrow.
A revise B am revising

5 Match 1–8 to A–H.

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| 1 assignment ____ | 5 grade ____ |
| 2 secondary ____ | 6 primary ____ |
| 3 term ____ | 7 canteen ____ |
| 4 degree ____ | 8 pass ____ |
- A the school that children under 12 years old go to.
B a mark you get for a piece of work (e.g. A, B, etc.).
C the school that teenagers go to.
D the place in a school where people buy and eat their lunch.
E be successful in an exam or test.
F what you get after a successful course at university.
G one of three parts of the year at school or university.
H a piece of work you have to do for your studies.

6 Match the words below to the underlined words in the sentences.

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| essay | fail | progress | qualifications |
| revise | technology | | |
- When she finishes this course she hopes to move up to the next level. _____
 - It's important to read your notes again before an exam so you remember everything. _____
 - We have to complete one short piece of writing on a particular subject every week. _____
 - You can't be a doctor if you don't have the right exam results. _____
 - If you get less than 50%, then you will not be successful in the test. _____
 - Our school uses solar panels to power all the computers, printers and phones. _____

7 Complete the questions with the verbs in brackets. Then write answers that are true for you.

- Which subjects _____ you _____ at school this term? (study)

- What technology _____ you often _____ for studying? (use)

- What _____ you _____ to do after you finish school? (want)

- Why _____ you _____ so hard at the moment? (work)
