

GRAMMAR

Present simple and continuous

1 Match the examples to the rules.

- Right now, I'm **taking part** in a competition for young game designers.
- In a few months, I'm **going on** a kayaking trip with my cousin.
- My friends and family **say** I'm a cheerful person.
- This term, I'm **having** tennis lessons.
- I **live** with my parents.

We use the present simple to talk about:

- facts.
- something that happens regularly.

We use the present continuous for:

- something that is happening right now or around now.
- temporary situations.
- future plans.

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2 Complete the sentences with the present simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- I _____ (get) home at five o'clock every day.
- Mum _____ (work) late this week.
- Look at Dan. He _____ (not concentrate).
- _____ you _____ (do) anything interesting next weekend?
- She _____ (play) the guitar and the piano.
- He always _____ (go) swimming on Saturdays.

3 Look at Exercises 1 and 2. Are these time words and phrases used with the present simple (PS) or present continuous (PC)?

at the moment / right now **PC**
 never, sometimes, always
 every day/week/year
 this month/term/week
 later, tomorrow, tonight
 on Saturdays, at weekends
 next week/weekend/month

4 Write six sentences about you. Use the time words and phrases in Exercise 3.

Right now, I'm having an English lesson.

5 Read the information about the verbs. Check the meaning of the verbs you don't know.

We don't use some verbs in continuous forms. These verbs are called **stative verbs** and include: *believe, hate, know, like, love, mean, need, own, prefer, understand, want.*

I don't understand this question.

NOT I'm not understanding this question.

6 Complete the sentences with the positive or negative form of the verbs in Exercise 5. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- My uncle owns three cars.
- Ruby's very friendly. We really like her.
- I know how old he is. He looks about 14.
- What is this word ?
- I'm feeling miserable today. I don't like cold weather.
- You're speaking too quickly and I can't hear you.

7 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

- We have / 're having problems with the computers at the moment.
- I need / 'm needing some new shoes.
- I write / 'm writing to you about a trip we are planning in November.
- Tonight she goes / 's going to the cinema with some friends.
- This term I have / 'm having some extra maths lessons.
- I never forget / 'm never forgetting my homework.

8 Work with a partner. Turn to page 120.

VOCABULARY

Prefixes: un-, in-, im-

1 Read the examples. Then write the opposites of the adjectives, 1-12.

EP I'm finding coding **impossible** at the moment!
 Lucas's room is always really **untidy**.
 I'm quite **independent**.

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| 1 kind | 2 friendly | 3 patient |
| 4 expensive | 5 known | 6 polite |
| 7 visible | 8 healthy | 9 well |
| 10 fair | 11 lucky | 12 correct |

2 Agree with these sentences. Use an adjective from Exercise 1 or its opposite.

- A: I didn't recognise any of the actors in that film.
 B: They were all **unknown**, I think.
- A: Dad never waits for me!
 B: You're right. He's very **impatient**.
- A: Mum's still in bed!
 B: I know. She's feeling really **unwell**.
- A: It's important to wear bright clothing on a bike at night.
 B: Yes, you need to be **visible** to drivers.
- A: We have to be home at 10.30. That's so early!
 B: Yeah. It's really **late**.
- A: I can't believe you found your phone!
 B: I know. I'm so **lucky**.
- A: The last question in the homework was hard!
 B: Yes! I got the same answer as you, but Mrs Thomas said it was **correct**.

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