

## Present tense contrast

I can use different tenses to talk about the present and future.

### 1 Circle the correct tense.

- 1 'What **do you do** / **are you doing** tonight?' 'I **stay** / **I'm staying** at home.'
- 2 Can you text me when you **get** / **'re getting** home?
- 3 The sun **rises** / **is rising** in the east and **sets** / **is setting** in the west.
- 4 Why **do you laugh** / **are you laughing**? It isn't funny!
- 5 My dad **leaves** / **is leaving** home every day at eight o'clock.
- 6 My sister **always borrows** / **is always borrowing** my clothes. It's really annoying!
- 7 What time **does your train arrive** / **is your train arriving**?

### 2 Match sentences 1–7 in exercise 1 with the uses of tenses a–g below.

#### Present simple

- a for habits and routines
- b for a permanent situation or fact
- c for timetables and schedules
- d in future time clauses (starting with *when*, *as soon as*, *after*, *if*, etc.)

#### Present continuous

- e for something happening now or about now
- f for describing annoying behaviour (with *always*)
- g for future arrangements

### 3 Complete the dialogue with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



- Martin** Hurry up! The film <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (start) in ten minutes.
- Hannah** I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look for) my phone. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (know) where it is?
- Martin** No. Why <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you always <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) things? It's so annoying!
- Hannah** I usually <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) it on my bedside table, but it isn't there.
- Martin** <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (remember) when you last used it?
- Hannah** No – that's the problem.
- Martin** You <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not need) your phone at the cinema. Look for it when we <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get back).
- Hannah** I won't have time when we get back. I <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) straight out again ... It's OK. Here it is! It was in my pocket!

### 4 Some of the sentences are incorrect. Rewrite them correctly. Tick the correct sentences.

- 1 Mel is belonging to the drama club.

- 2 Do you prefer beach holidays or adventure holidays?

- 3 Call me as soon as you're arriving.

- 4 Jack is hating spaghetti.

- 5 Why are you always interrupting?

- 6 I'm not understanding this maths calculation.

### 5 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the same verb in each pair of sentences. Use the present simple and present continuous.

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- 1 a That food \_\_\_\_\_ delicious!
- b What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ at?
- 2 a What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ about?
- b Who \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ will win the match?
- 3 a 'Where's Tom?' 'He \_\_\_\_\_ a shower.'
- b Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ a good sense of smell.

### 6 Complete the questions with the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or present continuous. Then write true answers, in complete sentences.

- 1 Where \_\_\_\_\_ you usually \_\_\_\_\_ on Saturday mornings? (go)

- 2 What \_\_\_\_\_ you usually \_\_\_\_\_ on Saturday mornings? (do)

- 3 What time \_\_\_\_\_ school \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_? (start / finish)

- 4 What \_\_\_\_\_ your parents \_\_\_\_\_ now? (do)