Grammar

Simple present and present progressive

1 **Match the uses of the simple present or present progressive (a–g) with the example sentences (1–7).**

a state that doesn't change ○	○ 1 He's staying with us this week until his new apartment is ready.
b background information of a photo ○	○ 2 I come from a big city in Vietnam.
c a changing or temporary situation ○	○ 3 I don't know how to ski.
d an action around now ○	○ 4 I'm eating my lunch.
e an action now ○	○ 5 I'm learning to drive.
f an action in a photo ○	○ 6 In this photo, we're playing football on the beach.
g a stative verb ○	○ 7 This is a photo of the river that goes through my town.

2 **Circle the correct option to complete the sentences.**

1 We *live / are living* in a very small village and nothing ever *changes / is changing* here.

2 A lot of people *buy / are buying* smart TVs at the moment because internet speeds *get / are getting* faster.

3 *I eat / I'm eating* a lot of meat, but it's true that more people *become / are becoming* vegan or vegetarian.

4 Online shopping *gets / is getting* easier these days. It's great for me because I *don't enjoy / am not enjoying* going to malls.

3 **Complete the questions and answers with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.**

1 Q: How many languages [1]_____ (you / speak)?

A: Well, [2]_____ (I / know) some Spanish and how to say "Hello" in Japanese.

B: Only one! But [3]_____ (my friend / try) to teach me Mandarin!

2 Q: [4]_____ (you / cook) a lot?

A: Yes, [5]_____ (I / make) all the food at home.

B: No, not at all. Usually [6]_____ (I / eat) takeout.

3 Q: What [7]_____ (you / study) at college this year?

A: [8]_____ (I / do) a teaching degree.

B: Oh, I'm not a student. [9]_____ (I / look) for a job, actually.

4 Q: [10]_____ (you / work) from home at the moment?

A: No, [11]_____ (I / need) to be in the office every day.

B: Yes, I am. [12]_____ (I / work) from home every Friday.

4 **Write your own answers to the questions from Exercise 3. Use the simple present or present progressive form.**

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

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5 Complete the sentences with the simple present or present progressive form of these verbs.

agree	believe	have	know
need	prefer	not / remember	think

1 _____ you _____ with our suggestions for the weekend?

2 I _____ about buying a new phone. I _____ one with a better camera.

3 I _____ the name of my first teacher.

4 _____ you _____ you can change your personality?

5 My friend _____ problems in his new job, but I _____ he'll be fine soon.

6 Everyone in my family _____ tea over coffee—except me!

Look at the Learning to Learn box. Then do the task.

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Translating into your own language

Sometimes, English grammar forms are used in a similar way in your own language. Sometimes, the forms are very different. You can remember the different forms and when to use them by translating a sentence that you can memorize. For example, look at the present progressive question below. When do you ask this question? Does your own language use a progressive form? Write the translation.

What are you doing?

Translate the conversations from Exercise 3 into your own language. Are the simple present and progressive forms used in the same way? Choose one or two examples to memorize.

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