

1 VOCABULARY & SPEAKING noise: verbs and verb phrases

a Are your family or neighbours noisy? Answer questions 1–4 with a partner.

- 1 How many family members do you live with?
- 2 Are they...?
 - a very noisy
 - b quite noisy
 - c not very noisy
- 3 Do you have neighbours...?
 - a upstairs
 - b downstairs
 - c next door
- 4 Are they...?
 - a very noisy
 - b quite noisy
 - c not very noisy

b **5.9** Read part of a UK online forum. Guess the meaning of the **highlighted** verbs and verb phrases. Then listen to eight sounds and write 1–8 in the boxes.

NOISY FAMILY? NOISY NEIGHBOURS?

Do you have a problem with noise, for example, when you want to study, or at night when you want to sleep? Tell us about your problems.

- The baby in the flat upstairs **cries** all the time.
- My sister **practises the piano** for hours.
- The neighbours' dog **barks** all day – and all night!
- The people next door often **have noisy parties** until 3.00 a.m.
- My son **plays loud music** in his room – awful music, too.
- The couple next door **argue** a lot.
- The old people in the flat next door **have the TV on** very loud – and their living room is next to my bedroom!
- The people next door have builders who **make a lot of noise**.

c Now answer questions 5–7.

- 5 What noises do your family or neighbours make? Are the noises a problem for you?
- 6 Are you noisy? Do you do any of the things in **b**?
- 7 Are people in your country noisy? Is this a problem?

2 GRAMMAR present continuous

a **5.10** Look at the picture of the houses and listen. Why are Max and his mother unhappy?



b Listen again and complete the conversations with verbs from the list.

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1 Max Hey, Lucy. I'm ¹ _____ to study, and you're ² _____ an awful noise.
 Lucy It isn't a noise, it's Beethoven. I'm ³ _____ - I have a school concert tomorrow. You can study downstairs.
 Max I can't, Jake's ⁴ _____ a video game.
 Lucy What about the kitchen?
 Max No, Mum's ⁵ _____ dinner, and she's ⁶ _____ to the radio. It's impossible to work in this house!

2 Isabel Paul! Come here.
 Paul Yes, dear? What's the matter?
 Isabel What's ⁷ _____ next door? Why's their dog ⁸ _____? I can't hear the radio.
 Paul They're ⁹ _____ a party in the garden.
 Isabel Not again! Can you go and talk to them?
 Paul Yes, good idea. It's their second party in three weeks!



c 5.11 Listen. What happens when Paul goes next door?

d Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb *be*.

They _____ having a party next door.
 _____ they playing music?
 No, they _____ playing music. They're talking.

e Read the rule and circle the correct option.

We use the present continuous (*be + verb + -ing*) to talk about *now / every day*.


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g 5.13 Listen to the sounds. What's happening? Write eight sentences.

1 *Somebody's cooking.*

3 PRONUNCIATION & SPEAKING /ɪ/

a 5.14 Listen to the words and sounds. Then listen and repeat.

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b In pairs, point and ask and answer about the people in the picture of the houses.

What's she doing?

(She's playing the piano. What are they doing?)

c Communication Spot the differences A p.105 B p.110 Describe the pictures and find eight differences.

4 LISTENING

a 5.15 Listen to a short conversation. What's the woman doing?

She's checking in...

b Listen again. What words help you to understand the situation?

c 5.16 Now listen to five more conversations. What are the people doing?

d Listen again. For each conversation, write two words or phrases that help you to understand what's happening.