

GRAMMAR

Present Simple and Present Continuous

- **Present Simple**

Facts, habits and routines

*I **usually have** breakfast at lunchtime.*

- **Present Continuous**

Things happening at the moment of speaking

*We **are walking** up a mountain.*

Things happening around now but maybe not at the moment of speaking.

*This week my parents **are doing** some work on the house.*

1 ● Decide if the verbs in the sentences show facts (F), a routine (R), something happening during a period of time (P), or something happening right now (N).

- 1 ☒ F My mum works in a hospital.
- 2 ☐ She always gets up at 6.30 and takes a taxi to work.
- 3 ☐ Today she isn't feeling very well, so she's staying at home.
- 4 ☐ At the moment she's sitting in bed and sending some emails.
- 5 ☐ She has friends in lots of different countries.
- 6 ☐ She's working with a new team of doctors this week.
- 7 ☐ She usually finishes work at 6.00.
- 8 ☐ Oh dear – the phone is ringing. Perhaps it's the hospital.

2 ● Complete the sentences with the correct present forms of the underlined verbs.

- 1 I usually have cereal for breakfast. Today, I'm having eggs and toast.
- 2 Mariah doesn't always come to extra Maths classes after school. She _____ this week because her marks are getting worse!
- 3 It always _____ when I'm on holiday and look – it's raining now!
- 4 I know you often play tennis. _____ you _____ this week?
- 5 My friend _____ to school again – she walks to school every morning.
- 6 My brother usually watches game shows, but tonight he _____ a soap opera.

3 ●● Match the sentence halves.

- 1 ☒ c Cathy doesn't usually go to bed late,
 - 2 ☐ She really enjoys soap operas,
 - 3 ☐ She knows a lot of languages,
 - 4 ☐ She usually goes on holiday to Spain,
 - 5 ☐ She sometimes plays the guitar in a band,
 - 6 ☐ She doesn't often go out during the week,
- a but she hates game shows.
 - b but she's staying in London this summer.
 - c ~~but she's reading now and it's midnight!~~
 - d but this week she's playing the drums.
 - e but she's watching a film at the cinema now.
 - f but she doesn't speak Italian.