

3 GRAMMAR present continuous

- a Complete the conversation with the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Use contractions where possible.

A What ¹ are you doing (you / do), Stefan?

B I ² _____ (look) at some paintings online. I want to buy a poster of one for the living room.

A My sister ³ _____ (do) an art course at the moment. Perhaps she can paint something for us.

B Um...perhaps. But look at this one – it's really beautiful. It's by Vermeer, and there's a girl who

⁴ _____ (wear) a blue and yellow scarf on her head and a big pearl earring.

A I'm not sure. She ⁵ _____ (not / smile).

B I know, but that makes it more interesting.

A OK. If you like it, order it. My sister can paint something for the dining room.

- b Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of a verb from the list. Use contractions where possible.

drink drive like live
rain sleep study wear

1 We like this painting very much – it's really interesting.

2 Charles always _____ to work.

3 Shhhh! The children _____.

4 We can't play tennis today.
It _____.

5 Fiona _____ four cups of coffee every day.

6 Kathy always _____ jeans at home.

7 They can't come to the theatre because they _____ for the exam tomorrow.

8 My parents _____ in a big house in the country.

- c Look at the picture. Complete the questions with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets.



- 1 What is the man on the bench reading (read)?
- 2 What the boys under the tree (play)?
- 3 What the woman on the left (do)?
- 4 What she (wear)?
- 5 What the woman on the right (wear)?
- 6 What she (carry)?
- 7 What the runner (wear)?
- 8 What the man under the tree (do)?

- d Answer questions 1–8 in c.

- 1 The man on the bench is reading a newspaper.
- 2 The boys are _____.
- 3 The woman on the left _____.
- 4 _____.
- 5 _____.
- 6 _____.
- 7 _____.
- 8 _____.