

## PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS

# Machine

People \_\_\_\_\_ (*communicate*) using language. But at the moment the world \_\_\_\_\_ (*have*) about 6,900 languages: this \_\_\_\_\_ (*mean*) that language often \_\_\_\_\_ (*prevent*) communication. To solve this problem online, more and more people \_\_\_\_\_ (*start*) to use machine translation. Some people \_\_\_\_\_ (*use*) machine translation to read websites in a foreign language. Others \_\_\_\_\_ (*translate*) instant messages in order to talk to people whose language they \_\_\_\_\_ (*not understand*). In the past machine translation was unreliable but translation software \_\_\_\_\_ (*get*) better all the time and at present many companies \_\_\_\_\_ (*develop*) efficient portable translators.

# Present simple and present continuous

**2** Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in bold.

1 *drive*

- a He \_\_\_\_\_ a motorbike every day.
- b He \_\_\_\_\_ to and from work this week.

2 *speak*

- a She \_\_\_\_\_ three languages.
- b She \_\_\_\_\_ to her doctor at the moment.

3 *work*

- a I \_\_\_\_\_ in Belgium for the rest of the year.
- b I enjoy my job – I \_\_\_\_\_ as a chemist.

4 *translate*

- a They \_\_\_\_\_ documents and offer other services.
- b They \_\_\_\_\_ some documents for an important case.

**3** Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets. Use the present continuous when possible.

1 I \_\_\_\_\_ (*understand*) you very well.

2 We \_\_\_\_\_ (*study*) business at a college in Ireland.

3 He \_\_\_\_\_ (*take*) flying lessons every Wednesday evening.

4 Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (*go*)?

5 I'm sorry, I \_\_\_\_\_ (*not remember*) your name.

6 We \_\_\_\_\_ (*live*) in Morocco at the moment.

7 She \_\_\_\_\_ (*learn*) Spanish for her new job.

8 We \_\_\_\_\_ (*not want*) to leave yet.