

**1 READING**

d Lucas is from France and Diana is from the UK. Read *Friends abroad* and answer the questions. Write Lucas (L), Diana (D) or both (B).

Who writes about ... ?

a study	c work
b small shops	d shopping malls

c Read *Friends abroad* again. Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 Lucas only speaks Mandarin at work.
- 2 The Chinese people he knows like shopping.
- 3 Lucas would like to go to a party.
- 4 Diana doesn't like Venice in the winter.
- 5 She likes the shops in Venice.
- 6 It's very quiet in Venice at the moment.

LUCAS Message posted: 18:36 Send Lucas a message

Hi everyone! I'm really enjoying life here in Shanghai. My new job is quite busy, but my colleagues are very friendly and they all speak English to me. In my free time I sometimes study Mandarin and relax. I often go shopping because this is a popular 'hobby' here. I usually meet friends at a shopping mall. At the moment it's Chinese New Year here. My friends told me there's a great street party this evening – I really want to go.

DIANA Message posted: 12:23 Send Diana a message

Hello to all my friends. I love it here in Venice! It's so beautiful – even in the winter time. I have to spend a lot of time on my art history course, but at the weekends I get some free time. I usually walk around and look at the old buildings, or when it's cold, I go to museums. There are so many interesting little shops here too – it's great. It's very different from going to a mall. This week it's Carnevale and the whole city is like one big party. Yesterday my friends invited me to a big party in a piazza (that's Italian for a town square). It's tonight and I have to wear a long dress and mask. I need to go shopping!

d Read the messages below. Which one is Lucas' and which one is Diana's?

We're all out in the street. We're watching a big, beautiful dragon go by. And everyone's wearing red – even me!

everyone's dancing in the streets and having a great time. We're all wearing amazing clothes - I'm even wearing a dress!

2 GRAMMAR

Present simple or present continuous

a Read the sentences from Lucas' online post and message. Match them with meaning a or b.

- 1 I usually meet friends at a shopping mall.
- 2 We're watching a big, beautiful dragon.

a Lucas' normal routine b Happening to Lucas now

b Complete the rule with the correct tense.

present continuous present simple

We use the _____ to talk about things we usually do.
We use the _____ to talk about things that happen right now.

c Underline more examples of the present simple and present continuous in Diana's online post and message.

e Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Listen and check.

LUCAS Hello?
JOHANNES Hi, Lucas! Are you busy?
LUCAS Hi! Yes, I ¹_____ (get) ready to go out to a street party.
JOHANNES Oh, sorry. I can call back.
LUCAS OK, thanks. I usually ²_____ (not go) out much during the week, but it's New Year.
JOHANNES Of course.
LUCAS Sorry, Johannes. My friends ³_____ (arrive). I have to go now. We can speak later.