

## GRAMMAR

### Present simple and continuous

We use the present simple to talk about:

- a facts.
- b something that happens regularly.

We use the present continuous for:

- c something that is happening right now or around now.
- d temporary situations.
- e future plans.

We don't use some verbs in continuous forms. These verbs are called **stative verbs** and include:

*believe, hate, know, like, love, mean, need, own, prefer, understand, want.*

***I don't understand this question.***

***NOT I'm not understanding this question.***

#### 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 Mum \_\_\_\_\_ (work) late this week.

4 He always \_\_\_\_\_ (go) swimming

2 Look at Dan. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not concentrate).

on Saturdays.

3 She \_\_\_\_\_ (play) the guitar and the piano.

#### 3 Look at Ex. 1 and 2. Are these time words and phrases used with the present simple (PS) or present continuous (PC)?

at the moment / right now **PC**

later, tomorrow, tonight  
on Saturdays, at weekends  
next week / weekend / month

never, sometimes, always

every day / week / year

this month / term / week

#### 6 Complete the sentences with the positive or negative form of the verbs in Ex. 5.

Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

1 Ruby's very friendly. We really \_\_\_\_\_ her.

4 I'm feeling miserable today. I \_\_\_\_\_ cold weather.

2 I \_\_\_\_\_ how old he is. He looks about 14.

5 You're speaking too quickly and I \_\_\_\_\_ you.

3 What \_\_\_\_\_ this word \_\_\_\_\_?

3 Tonight she goes / 's going to the cinema.

4 This term I have / 'm having some art lessons.

5 I never forget / 'm never forgetting my keys.

#### 7 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

1 We have / 're having problems with the computers at the moment.

2 I need / 'm needing some new shoes.