GRAMMAR: PRESENT SIMPLE / PRESENT CONTINUOUS

06 Read the blog entry and look at the verbs in purple. Then, complete the table using the verbs from the blog entry. There are two examples.

MY BLOG

ABOUT POSTS COMMENTS

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I'm having a great time here in Iceland. I don't miss home at all. I'm not staying in a hotel. I'm staying at a little guesthouse with 11 other people. Every day, we get up early and go hiking or climbing. At the moment, I'm resting in my room because I'm exhausted. At home, I usually sleep about eight hours a night but on this holiday I need at least 10 hours a night because I'm so active!

Our guide is great. He looks after us really well and he always makes us laugh. I'm happy with the food, but my friend doesn't like it very much. Today, we're having reindeer burgers. The chef is cooking them now and they smell delicious.

HERE ARE A FEW PHOTOS OF MY TRIP SO FAR.

Present simple		Present continuous	
affirmative	**negative**	**affirmative**	**negative**
We get up			I'm not staying

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07 **Look again at the verbs in Exercise 6. Then, complete the grammar rules with *simple* or *continuous*.**

1 We use the present _____ with time words and phrases, such as *at the moment*, *today* and *now*.
2 We use the present _____ with adverbs, such as *always*, *sometimes*, *usually* and *every day*.
3 We use the present _____ to talk about habits and routines.
4 We use the present _____ to describe the action in photographs.

08 **Rewrite the verbs using the third person *-s* / *-es* / *-ies* and the *-ing* form.**

1 live _____ _____
2 get _____ _____
3 carry _____ _____
4 hope _____ _____
5 wash _____ _____
6 run _____ _____
7 play _____ _____
8 ride _____ _____
9 lie _____ _____
10 pass _____ _____
11 cry _____ _____
12 make _____ _____
13 see _____ _____
14 begin _____ _____

09 **Match questions 1–4 with answers A–D. Then, complete the grammar rules with *simple* or *continuous*.**

1 Are you enjoying your holiday? **A** Yes, I do./No, I don't.
2 What are you doing at the moment? **B** At about 7 am.
3 Do you usually get up early? **C** Yes, I am./No, I'm not.
4 When does your brother get up? **D** I'm having a rest.
5 When you make a question in the present _____, use the auxiliary verb *do*.
6 When you make a question in the present _____, use the question form of the verb *to be*.

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10 **Read the conversations. Then, complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets in the correct form.**

In exams, you will need to show that you have an understanding of different verb tenses and how to use them in sentences, conversations and longer texts.

1 A Hi, Gabby. What _____ (**you/do**) at the moment? Do _____ (**want**) to go out somewhere?
B I can't, sorry. I _____ (**watch**) a football match on TV. My team usually _____ (**play**) really well but they _____ (**lose**) very badly today!
A Oh, no! Maybe another time then.

2 A Tom, I _____ (**wait**) for you outside the cinema. Where are you?
B I'm sorry, I'm still on the bus. It's terrible – this bus never _____ (**arrive**) on time.
A Oh, OK. See you soon.

3 A Hi, Jane. Sam _____(**not answer**) my calls today. Is there something the matter with him?
B No, he's fine. It's just that he's got a French exam next week, so he _____ (**study**) at the moment.

4 A How _____ usually _____ (**you/get**) to college Chris?
B I _____ (**walk**). It _____ (**not take**) long. What about you?
A My Dad usually _____ (**drive**) me there but he _____ (**work**) today.
B Well, let's walk together.

11 **Write questions using the words in the present simple or present continuous forms. Then, in pairs, ask and answer the questions.**

1 Why / learn / English?

_____

2 What time / usually / get up?

_____

3 What / learn about / in geography at the moment?

_____

4 play / tennis?

_____

5 What / teacher / do / now?

_____

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READING: USE OF DISTRACTION

1 2 **You are going to read an article about a sportsperson. First, look at the photos and skim read the article once quickly. Then, in pairs, answer the questions.**

1 Who do you think Aimee Fuller is?
2 What sport has Aimee become successful in?
3 What is the reason for this article?

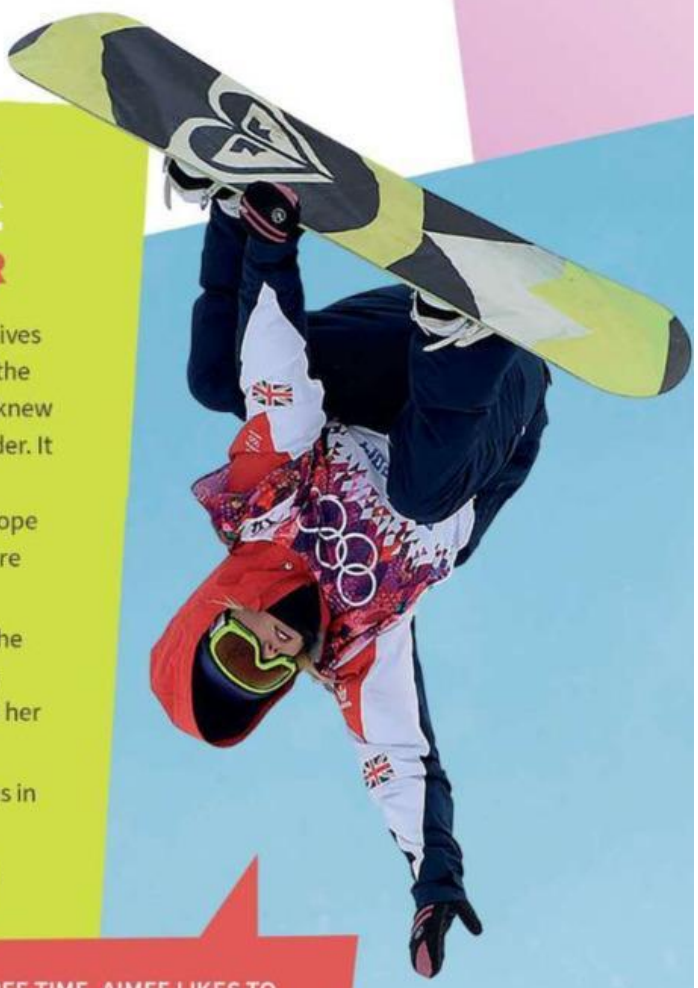
AIMEE FULLER

SNOWBOARDING STAR

Aimee Fuller was born in England but now lives in the USA. She moved to the east coast of the United States at the age of 12 because she knew she wanted to be a professional snowboarder. It wasn't possible to train properly in her hometown because it hardly ever snowed. There was a dry ski slope in her town, where she learnt how to ski and snowboard, but there weren't any mountains with snow to practise the sport.

Aimee quickly found sponsors and a coach when she arrived in the USA, and she is now a successful and well-known snowboarding star. She has done really well in many national competitions and her dream is to win an Olympic gold medal one day.

Aimee spends most of her time practising on the snow, and trains in the gym four to five times a week. She also goes cycling and running. Aimee says it is very important to keep fit because that helps her stay safe when she is doing snowboarding tricks and jumps. Her advice to people who want to learn how to do jumps, is to start small and only do bigger jumps when they feel ready.



DURING HER FREE TIME, AIMEE LIKES TO SPEND TIME AT HOME, SWITCH OFF HER PHONE AND LAPTOP AND HANG OUT WITH HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

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13 **Read the article in Exercise 12 again and choose the correct answer, A, B or C.**

Ex: Aimee spent the first few years of her life in England.

A True **B** False **C** Not Given

Answer: A

1 Aimee learnt to ski before she started snowboarding.

A True **B** False **C** Not Given

2 It often snowed during winter in Aimee's hometown.

A True **B** False **C** Not Given

3 It took Aimee a long time to find a coach after she moved to the USA.

A True **B** False **C** Not Given

4 Aimee has won an Olympic medal.

A True **B** False **C** Not Given

5 Aimee practises snowboarding in the mountains at least three times a week.

A True **B** False **C** Not Given

6 Aimee thinks that snowboarding is more dangerous for her when she is not fit.

A True **B** False **C** Not Given

7 In her free time, Aimee prefers being with people to spending time on her laptop.

A True **B** False **C** Not Given

14 **Complete the words from the article to match the descriptions.**

1 This is someone who is paid to do a sport or other activity. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

2 This means to practise your sport. _ _ _ _ _

3 This word describes someone who is doing well in his/her life. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

4 When you are this, you don't get tired easily when you exercise or do sport. _ _ _

5 You ask someone for this when you want to know what to do. _ _ _ _ _ _

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07 **Match the sentence halves.**

1 My mum is working _____
2 I often go to the cinema _____
3 I can't speak to you right now _____
4 What does your brother _____
5 In this photo, I'm climbing _____
6 What do you usually do _____
7 Why isn't Sam _____

A like doing in his free time?
B in Italy at the moment.
C at the weekend?
D because I'm studying.
E eating his sandwich?
F on a Saturday evening.
G a volcano with my uncle.

08 **Read the sentences and underline the correct answer.**

1 **I don't know** / **I'm not knowing** how to play tennis, but I would like to learn.
2 I'm very sorry, **I can't remember** / **I'm not remembering** your name.
3 Can you help me with my homework? **I'm not understanding** / **I don't understand** this question.
4 John **is having** / **has** a great time on holiday. Look at these pictures on his blog!
5 I'm afraid you can't borrow that book. **It belongs** / **It is belonging** to my sister and she **is reading** / **reads** it at the moment.
6 **I don't want to** / **I'm not wanting to** go out tonight. I'm too tired!
7 My brother **has** / **is having** so many hobbies! At the moment, he **is taking** / **takes** photos in the garden.
8 Sue **isn't hearing** / **can't hear** you at the moment. She **is having** / **has** a shower.

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