

1 Choose the correct phrases to complete the description of the picture.



2 Choose the correct item.

- 1 Alan visits/is visiting his grandparents every weekend.
- 2 These days, it becomes/is becoming more and more expensive to go abroad on holiday.
- 3 Helen and her friends go/are going to a rock concert this evening.
- 4 Angelina Jolie successfully plays/is playing the part of Christine Collins in *Changeling*.
- 5 Brian paints/is painting the kitchen walls at the moment.
- 6 Do the leaves fall/Are the leaves falling from the trees in autumn?
- 7 The carpenter fits/is fitting new kitchen cabinets.
- 8 Every evening, Nancy writes/is writing in her journal.
- 9 The stew smells/is smelling great! Is it a new recipe?
- 10 Rick sees/is seeing a knee specialist tomorrow.
- 11 Who knows/is knowing all the words to this song?
- 12 Emma attends/is attending a seminar this afternoon.

3 Choose the correct time expression.

- 1 Helen is listening to music at the moment/in the afternoon.
- 2 Peter is having a party on Fridays/tomorrow.
- 3 He catches the bus to school every morning/tonight.
- 4 The ferry leaves the port at 8 am tomorrow morning/at present.
- 5 Lisa's mum does the laundry on Sundays/now.
- 6 Paul is meeting his girlfriend this evening/every week.
- 7 They are studying for an English test right this evening/now.
- 8 Paul and Jo are going to a rock concert every Friday/tonight.
- 9 I prefer to surf the Net at weekends/at present.
- 10 Does Peter usually/at present wake up late at the weekend?

This picture (1) looks / is looking really interesting. It (2) shows / is showing three students. They (3) do / 're doing something together. Perhaps they (4) work / 're working on a project. They (5) all wear / 're all wearing school uniforms, so they might be at an English school. Their teacher (6) stands / is standing near them and she (7) writes / 's writing something on the board. The students (8) seem / are seeming interested in their activity and I (9) think / am thinking they (10) enjoy / 're enjoying their work.

4 Read the texts and fill in the gaps with the present simple or the present continuous of the verbs in brackets.

A Hi bloggers,
The Moomba festival
1) takes (take) place
in my country,
Australia every
March. The word
Moomba



2) (come) from an Aboriginal word meaning 'let's get together and have fun'. The festival 3) (last) for several days and 4) (include) many competitions, music and parades. The activities on the waterfront 5) (attract) thousands of visitors. At the moment, I 6) (watch) the 'Birdman' competition. People 7) (try) to fly their homemade flying machines and it's very funny! The wind 8) (blow) hard and the teams 9) (have) a difficult time.
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6 Read the bullet points and complete the sentences with the correct present form of the verbs in brackets.

• describe where you live

I (5) (live) in a lovely village just outside a small town and I (6) (travel) to school in the town by bus every day. Most of the houses are very old but they (7) (build) some new ones on the edge of the village at the moment. Because the village is quite small I (8) (know) nearly everyone there! That's cool.

• describe your best friend

My best friend is Harry and he's seventeen. He (9) (try) to become a singer! He's actually got a good voice and he (10) (sing) well. We (11) (go) everywhere together and (12) (like) the same music and films. He (13) (have) a lot of friends and he (14) (always / chat) on the phone when he should be concentrating on his work!