

GRAMMAR: PRESENT SIMPLE OR CONTINUOUS

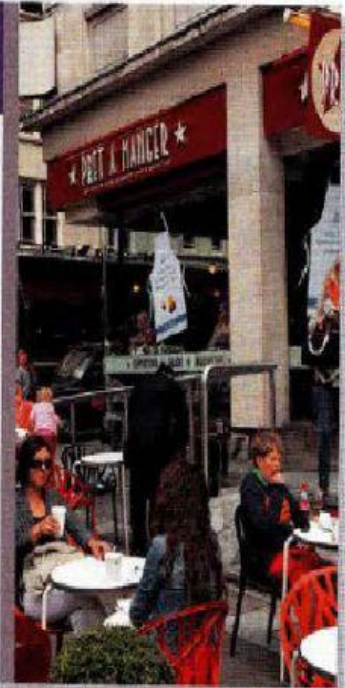
1- Complete this article with present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Profile **PRET A MANGER**

Pret A Manger¹ (be) a UK company and one of the world's leading sandwich chains. It² (sell) freshly made sandwiches in busy city centres. At the end of each day, the shops³ (give) any unsold products to the homeless. Currently, Pret⁴ (do) very well in the south of England.

Pret⁵ (operate) a total of 232 UK outlets, and this year it⁶ (plan) new outlets for London. In the US, it⁷ (have) 23 outlets in New York and another 10 in Hong Kong.

Pret's international activities⁸ (grow) in importance. This month, as part of the next stage of expansion, Pret⁹ (open) its first two shops in Paris. At the same time, the marketing team¹⁰ (work) with Lewis PR, a global PR company, to improve the brand's international image.



Answers:

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| 2 _____ | 3 _____ | 4 _____ |
| 5 _____ | 6 _____ | 7 _____ |
| 8 _____ | 9 _____ | 10 _____ |

2- Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box below in simple present or present continuous. **Make any necessary changes in conjugation.**

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- A) Our sales rep _____ very stubborn. He _____ to accept our new conditions.
- B) They _____ in a temporary project.
- C) My job usually _____ emailing our customers.
- D) We _____ a new consultant tonight.
- E) Listen! That man _____ Japanese.
- F) Byron speaking. Who _____, please?
- G) My colleagues _____ how to make interactive activities right now.

3- Choose the right auxiliary verb:

Present simple auxiliary verbs:

DO / DON'T (I, you, we, they)

DOES / DOESN'T (he, she, it)

- A) What (*do / does / is / are*) they specialize in?
- B) How many subsidiaries (*do / does / is / are*) your company have?
- C) I (*am not / aren't / don't*) attending the conference tomorrow.
- D) (*do / does / is / are*) BR solutions developing a new software to help manage sales?
- E) (*do / does / is / are*) your mother work on Saturdays?
- F) (*do / does / is / are*) you listening to me? What did I say?
- G) I (*am not / aren't / don't*) believe Chinese is going to be a useful language in our market.

4- All these sentences are wrong. Correct the mistakes (There may be more than one mistake in each sentence)

Example:

A) My job consist in answer phone calls. → My job consists in answer~~s~~ing phone calls.

B) Do you read that book at the moment?

C) I am wanting to deal of my email before I leave.

D) Her job involve to travel around the world.

E) I usually am involved on new projects.

5- Put this phone conversation in the right order:

- a) Yes, of course
- b) I'm Henry from the local newspaper
- c) One moment, please ...I'm afraid Jeremy is busy now
- d) Hello. Could I speak to Jeremy, please?
- e) Yes. Who is calling, please?
- f) Could you tell him to phone me back?

6- Choose the right answer:

A) You need to talk to Bob. He deals new contracts.

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B) The main part of his job of phoning their customers.

takes part consists involves

C) We are using a new ... to do part of our work.

subcontractor employee supplier

D) We are 400 members of ... at the moment.

staff employees manager

E) ... at weekends?

Do you work Are you working

F) Where is Sam *today*? He ... a new supplier.

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