



# How to use the present

IN THIS LESSON, YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO TALK ABOUT THE PRESENT

## STARTER

1- Look at the cartoon. Do you like doing any of these activities in your spare time?



## GRAMMAR

- 1 Angela and Robert work for the same company. It is Friday. Listen to their conversation and answer these questions.
  - 1 What is Robert doing on Saturday?
  - 2 What does Robert's brother do?
- 2 What is the connection between Robert's brother, Peter, and these places?

London \_\_\_\_\_

Ireland \_\_\_\_\_

Kiev \_\_\_\_\_

Odessa \_\_\_\_\_

Korea \_\_\_\_\_

Brazil \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 Complete the sentences with the verbs in **bold**. Then listen again to check your answers.
  - 1 Is that your brother who **work** in Ireland?
  - 2 He **work** on a new factory there at the moment.
  - 3 How long he **be** there?
  - 4 He always **travel** between the two cities and it's a long way.



- 6 Anyway he has two more months there and then he **move** to a new project in Korea.
  - 7 What he **do** in his spare time when he's in all these different countries?
  - 8 In the Ukraine he **go out** a lot in the evenings because the people **like** to invite you to their homes.
  - 9 How often you **see** him?
- 4 Tell your teacher everything you know about Robert's brother.

### Language box

#### The present simple

We use the present simple to talk about situations that are true, facts, scientific information, and timetables.

They **export** most of their production to Europe. (= fact)

Water **freezes** at zero degrees centigrade. (= scientific information)

The first train **leaves** at 07.30 a.m. (= timetable)

We also use the present simple for routines or actions that we do regularly.

She **works** Monday to Friday, but she **never works** at the weekend.

Remember that stative verbs (*think, know, like, love, hate, etc.*) do not usually use the continuous tense.

I **love** this soup. It **tastes** delicious.

#### The present perfect

We can use the present perfect to speak about actions or situations that began in the past and continue now.

I **have worked** for this company for five years. (= I started five years ago and I continue to work for them)

I **haven't seen** him since May.

#### The present continuous

We use the present continuous to talk about actions or situations happening at this moment in time.

Oh no! Look! It's **raining** again!

We use the present continuous for actions or situations happening around now.

The marketing department **is preparing** a new brochure.

The new machine **is selling** very well.

We use the present continuous for temporary or provisional situations.

We're **importing** a lot from Chile because of the situation in Europe.

They **are using** the fax machine because **their server is not working**.

#### Hint

Use the adverb **always** with the present continuous to show that something makes you angry.

He's **always arriving** late for meetings.

You're **always phoning** me about little problems.

### Lesson record

3 new words  
from this lesson

1 .....

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3 useful phrases  
from this lesson

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Things to remember

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