

Unit 1: Exercise 7

Read the information. Then complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

Present simple and present continuous

- We use the present simple for activities (action verbs) that happen often (e.g. *I usually drive to work.*).
- We use the present simple for state verbs (e.g. *I want to go.* NOT *I'm wanting to go.*).
- A few verbs (e.g. *live, work, think, have*) can be actions or states, with a slightly different meaning.
- We use the present continuous for activities (action verbs) that are in progress at the time of speaking (e.g. *I'm driving to work at the moment.*).

- 1 with my parents, but I'd like to leave home and live by myself in a year or two.
- 2 with my parents at the moment, while my own flat's being redecorated.
- 3 I'm afraid the lift today. You'll need to use the stairs instead.
- 4 for that company now. I left that job last year.
- 5 of moving to the countryside in a few years' time, but we're not sure.
- 6 this is the right house. Are you sure it's the correct address?
- 7 It's a very small bathroom, so it a bath. There's only enough room for a shower.
- 8 No, now's not a good time to call me. a bath at the moment. Can I call you back in twenty minutes?