

# Listening

- 6**  **5** Listen to a radio interview with photographer David McLain. Check (✓) the topics the speakers talk about.

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|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> the age of men and women | <input type="checkbox"/> sleep    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> family life              | <input type="checkbox"/> food     |
|                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> exercise |

- 7**  **5** Listen again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 David McLain is traveling to different countries.                                 | T | F |
| 2 He's talking to the radio announcer in the studio.                                | T | F |
| 3 In Sardinia, men live to the same age as women.                                   | T | F |
| 4 Sardinian families rarely eat together.                                           | T | F |
| 5 Younger people are eating more unhealthy food, and they aren't exercising enough. | T | F |

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS

*I'm speaking.*

*You/we/they're speaking.*

*He/she/it's speaking.*

*I'm not traveling.*

*You/we/they aren't traveling.*

*He/she/it isn't traveling.*

*Am I working?*

*Are you/we/they working?*

*Is he/she/it working?*

## Language note: Spelling of present participles

| End of verb                  | Spelling rule                         | Examples                       |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| consonant + -e               | drop the -e and add -ing              | make—making<br>take—taking     |
| one vowel + one consonant    | double the consonant and add -ing *   | sit—sitting<br>run—running     |
| two vowels and one consonant | add -ing; do not double the consonant | rain—raining<br>read—reading   |
| two consonants               | add -ing; do not double the consonant | wash—washing<br>watch—watching |

\*Exception: Do not double -w, -x, and -y. snow—snowing; fix—fixing; say—saying

## Grammar simple present and present continuous

9 Look at the grammar box and the sentences below from the interview. Which sentences use the simple present (S)? Which use the present continuous (C)?

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 Well, one man is trying to answer these questions—photographer David McLain.                       | S | C |
| 2 He's speaking to us right now on the phone.                                                        | S | C |
| 3 Men live to the same age as women.                                                                 | S | C |
| 4 Every Sunday, the whole family eats a big meal together.                                           | S | C |
| 5 Also, young people are moving to the city, so they are exercising less because of their lifestyle. | S | C |

11 Complete the sentences with the simple present or present continuous form of these verbs.

reply  
read

go  
spend

learn

- We 're learning a new language at the moment.
- My friends and I often \_\_\_\_\_ time at each other's houses.
- Can you wait a minute? I \_\_\_\_\_ to an email.
- How often \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ to the gym?
- I \_\_\_\_\_ a really interesting book at the moment.