

Present Continuous vs. Present Simple

PRACTICE

44a Complete the sentences, putting the verbs into the present continuous or present simple and completing the short answers.

- 1 Tim *lives* (live) in Manchester but he *is spending* (spend) this month in Wales.
- 2 A: *Are you working* (you/work) today?
B: No, I *am not* I usually *work* (work) on Fridays but I've got the day off.
- 3 A: What (Josephine/do)?
B: She (be) a teacher but she (not/teach) at the moment. She (look) for a job.
- 4 A: Can I have that paper or (you/read) it?
B: No, I (not/read) it. I never (read) that paper. I (prefer) the Daily News.
- 5 A: (this bag/belong) to you?
B: No, it but I (know) Anita (look) for her bag.
- 6 I (not/smoke) but my husband He (try) to stop at the moment but it's not easy.
- 7 (you/remember) my friend Matthew? He (stay) with me at the moment.
- 8 A: (you/speak) German?
B: No, I but I (want) to learn. I (look) for a good coursebook.
- 9 Emma and Katie usually (visit) me on Saturdays but they (camp) in the New Forest this weekend.
- 10 A: (Simon/help) you very much?
B: No, not usually, but he (help) me today.

44b Complete the conversation putting the verbs into the present continuous or present simple.



A: Where ¹ *do you come*. (you/come) from?

B: Brazil. What about you? Where ² *do you come*. (you/come) from?

A: Italy. I'm in London for one month.

B: Yes, me too.

A: ³ (you/like) it here in London?

B: It's very exciting but sometimes the people ⁴ (not/be) very friendly.

A: ⁵ (you/stay) with English people?

B: Yes. I ⁶ (stay) with an English family, but I

⁷ (not/see) them very often. They

⁸ (be) always busy.

A: I ⁹ (stay) in a student hostel. That

¹⁰ (be) much better. There are many

different nationalities and we all ¹¹ (speak) English together.

B: Oh, that's good. And ¹² (you/study) together in the hostel in the evenings?

A: Yes, sometimes.

B: ¹³ (that/be) your coursebook?

A: Yes, I ¹⁴ (do) my homework.

B: ¹⁵ (your teacher/give) you homework every day?

A: Almost every day. What ¹⁶ (you/do)?

B: I ¹⁷ (write) to my parents. I

¹⁸ (write) to them every week.