

## Present continuous and present simple



It's my birthday today, Bella ...

No cards! No presents!

Nobody loves me!

1

Let's play football in the park.

2

I can't come. I'm busy.

But it's Saturday! We always go to the park on Saturdays!

3

Well, we aren't going today!

Why?

4

Because we're having a party! We always have a party on your birthday!

5

Happy birthday!

### 8 Complete the tables.

#### Present simple

He plays football every day.  
We stay at home on Sundays.  
She always ..... breakfast at eight o'clock.

#### Time expressions

every day, on Sundays, at weekends,  
always, usually, sometimes, once a week

#### Present continuous

He ..... playing football at the moment.  
We're ..... at home today.  
She's having breakfast right now.

#### Time expressions

now, right now, at the moment, today,  
this week, these days



## 9 Read the information.

We use the **present simple**:

- for things that happen regularly.  
*They watch TV every day.*
- for things that are always or usually true.  
*He works in London.*

We use the **present continuous**:

- for things that are happening now.  
*They're watching TV at the moment.*
- for temporary situations.  
*He's working in London this week.*

### Stative verbs

- We usually use the **present simple**, not the **present continuous**, for these verbs: *believe, forget, hate, have (= have got), hear, know, like, love, need, remember, think, understand, want*  
*I like pop music. ✓*  
~~*I'm liking pop music.*~~  
*What do you want? ✓*  
~~*What are you wanting?*~~

## 10 Look and write.

### Every Monday afternoon



- Beth usually does her homework on Monday afternoons. (do)  
Today she 's going to the dentist. (go)
- Harry usually ..... for TeenLink on Monday afternoons. (write)  
Today he ..... for a test. (study)
- Peter and Lucy usually ..... their rooms on Monday afternoons. (tidy)  
Today they ..... an art gallery. (visit)
- Sophie usually ..... the piano on Monday afternoons. (play)  
Today she ..... TV. (watch)

### Today



## 11 Complete with the present simple or present continuous.

- Peter and Lucy are watching TV at the moment. (watch)
- We ..... to the cinema every week. (not go)
- The baby ..... right now. (not sleep)
- We usually ..... our grandparents on Sundays. (visit)
- What's that noise? ..... the violin again? (Lucy / play)
- Ben ..... his new shoes today. (wear)
- ..... her room every day? (Emma / tidy)
- ..... today? (your father / work)
- I ..... my teeth three times a day. (brush)
- ..... the house on Saturdays? (your mother / clean)

**12 Complete the questions with one word. Write true answers.**

- |   |    |                                    |                               |
|---|----|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Do | you live near your school?         | Yes, I do. / No, I don't.     |
| 2 | Is | your teacher speaking right now?   | Yes, she is. / No, she isn't. |
| 3 |    | your friends visit you on Sundays? |                               |
| 4 |    | it raining at the moment?          |                               |
| 5 |    | your best friend speak French?     |                               |
| 6 |    | your teacher drive a car?          |                               |
| 7 |    | you listening to music?            |                               |
| 8 |    | you like pop music?                |                               |

**Writing practice**

**13 Read and complete.**

Hi Izumi

Today is Sunday and I'm at home. My family and I usually <sup>1</sup> go (go) out for a meal on Sunday but not today. The weather is very good so we <sup>2</sup> (have) a barbecue in the garden! Our friends Harry and Beth are here, too. They usually <sup>3</sup> (spend) Sunday with their family but today they <sup>4</sup> (have) lunch with us. At the moment, they're in the garden with Peter. They <sup>5</sup> (help) Dad with the barbecue. Mum <sup>6</sup> (wash) the salad and I <sup>7</sup> (make) the lemonade – well, I <sup>8</sup> (not make) it right now because I <sup>9</sup> (write) to you! What <sup>10</sup> (you / do) today?

Love  
Lucy

**14 Write.**

It's Wednesday and you are on holiday with your family.

Write a postcard to a friend. Write about what you usually do on Wednesdays and what you are doing today. Use these ideas to help you.

**Usually on Wednesdays**  
have an English lesson  
visit my grandmother  
go to work  
go to college

**Today**  
sit on the beach  
swim  
play handball  
read a magazine

Hi .....!

Today is Wednesday. On Wednesdays, I usually .....

My mum usually .....

My dad .....

My brother/sister .....

But today we're on holiday! I .....

My mum .....

My dad .....

My brother/sister .....