

Grammar | Present Simple and Present Continuous

6 Find and correct the mistakes in four of the sentences.

- 1 I'm not understanding you – can you say it again, please?
- 2 Are you wanting to go home yet?
- 3 What do you mean?
- 4 He's having a very good job.
- 5 Excuse me, do you know the time?
- 6 They want to get married.
- 7 Do you have a large family?
- 8 I'm knowing a lot of people through Facebook.

7 Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or Present Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A: How is your English?
B: Not bad. It _____ (get) better.
- 2 I usually _____ (finish) work at six o'clock, and it _____ (take) me ten minutes to walk home.
- 3 You should turn your lights on. It _____ (get) dark.
- 4 _____ you always _____ (listen) to music in the car?
- 5 I _____ (live) with my parents until I can find an apartment to buy.
- 6 A: Shall we go out for a walk?
B: Not now. It _____ (rain).



Listening

8 a 4 Cover the audioscript. Listen to the psychologist. What is she talking about?

- 1 girlfriends and boyfriends
- 2 online relationships
- 3 work relationships

AUDIOSCRIPT

The friends you have on a social networking site can help you enjoy your day at work, but don't expect too much from them as many of these 'online friends' prefer to stay online only. My friend Patricia, met a friend of a friend, Howard, at a conference. They got on really well and started an online relationship. They found that they had a lot in common. They shared memories, and talked about their workmates. Sometimes they swapped more than twelve messages a day. Patricia looked forward to receiving Howard's messages when she arrived at work.

After a few weeks, however, Patricia asked Howard if he wanted to meet up after work, but he always found an excuse not to. Then she received a really strange message from him explaining how he didn't want to have a relationship and how he had decided to stop contacting her. That was the end of the story, and she never heard from him again.

You see, an online relationship takes a lot less energy than a face-to-face relationship. So a lot of people who don't really want the responsibility will try online friends instead. It's easier and, if you have an argument, you can always just shut down your computer!

b Listen again. Choose the correct answer, a or b.

- 1 Online friends are good for ...
a going out with after work.
b spending time with while you are at work.
- 2 Patricia and Howard ...
a were old friends.
b met at a conference.
- 3 They talked about ...
a their colleagues.
b their problems.
- 4 They usually sent ...
a lots of messages every day.
b one or two messages a day.
- 5 Patricia asked Howard to ...
a meet her after work.
b stop contacting her.
- 6 Howard ...
a wanted to go to the cinema with Patricia.
b didn't want to meet her in person.
- 7 Online relationships use ...
a more energy than face-to-face relationships.
b less energy than face-to-face relationships.
- 8 The advantage of an online relationship is that if you argue, you can ...
a switch off your computer.
b meet for a coffee.