

Present simple / present continuous — part 1b

a) Revise these classnotes:

We use the **present simple** to **inform or explain** what **happens habitually, normally, frequently, sometimes, always,...**

The auxiliary for negative and interrogative sentences is do/does.

Example:

We often **revise** the present simple, don't we?

We use the **present continuous** to **describe** what **is happening now, at the moment, today, this week, at present...**

The auxiliary for negative and interrogative sentences is BE (am/is/are)

Example:

You **are reading** some classnotes about the present continuous, aren't you?

b) Look at these pictures and complete the sentences using the **present continuous** (to **describe** what is happening in the picture) or the **present simple** (to **explain** what these people normally do) of the verbs in brackets.



1. Ethan _____ (work) at the public library.
Right now he _____ (sit) on the steps of the main entrance to the library, but he _____ (not work): he _____ (listen) to some music because he _____ (be) on his lunch break. At this time he usually _____ (have) a sandwich and some fruit. He _____ (like) apples and pears, but he _____ (not like) oranges.



2. Fiona _____ (be) from Germany, but she _____ (be) married to an Englishman, and they _____ (live) in London. She _____ (push) the pram where her baby son _____ (be). They _____ (go) for a walk in the park.



3. George _____ (ride) her bike. Her real name _____ (be) Georgina, but her friends always _____ (call) her George as a joke. They usually _____ (meet) at the park on Saturdays; that _____ (be) where she _____ (go) at the moment. She _____ (wear) a blue helmet on her head. Her T-shirt and shorts _____ (be) green.



4. Helen _____ (be) a TV producer. She _____ (work) for the BBC – the public British channel. Now she _____ (not be) at work, but she _____ (watch) TV to see what other channels _____ (show). At the moment, on Channel 4 they _____ (show) an interview programme. The presenter _____ (interview) a famous politician.