

I'm leaving because the weather is too good. I hate London when it's not raining.  
Groucho Marx, American actor

G present simple or present continuous? V the weather and seasons P places in London

**1 VOCABULARY** the weather and seasons

a Put the letters in the right order to make seasons.



1 pgrsin  
spring



2 irntew  
winter



3 umrmes  
summer



4 uantuam  
autumn

b Complete the words. What's the weather like?

**THE WEATHER AROUND THE WORLD**



1 Beijing  
It's f o g g y.



2 Buenos Aires  
It's w e a t h e r.



3 Cairo  
It's h o t.



4 Edinburgh  
It's s n o w y.



5 Istanbul  
It's s u n n y.



6 London  
It's r a i n y.



7 Moscow  
It's c o l d.



8 Zurich  
It's c l e a r.

c Complete the sentences with the phrases in b.

- 1 The sky is grey today. It's cloudy.
- 2 Can you open the window, please? It's hot.
- 3 Take an umbrella. It's raining.
- 4 Look! Everything's white. It's snowing.
- 5 The trees are moving. It's windy.
- 6 Slow down and turn on the lights. It's dark.
- 7 Let's go to the beach. It's sunny.
- 8 Close the window. It's cold.

**2 GRAMMAR** present simple or present continuous?

a Circle the correct form.

- 1 A What time does the museum close?  
B It closes / It's closing at 6 p.m., I think.
- 2 A What are you doing here?  
B I'm on holiday. I sightsee / I'm sightseeing.
- 3 A Can you talk?  
B No. I have dinner / I'm having dinner.
- 4 A Where do they usually go / are they usually going on holiday?  
B To Ibiza.
- 5 A How often does your wife go abroad?  
B She travels / She's travelling to Asia four times a year.
- 6 A Does it rain / Is it raining where you are?  
B Yes, it's really wet here.
- 7 A What does your girlfriend do / is your girlfriend doing?  
B She's a travel guide.
- 8 A Do you work / Are you working this week?  
B No, I'm on holiday.

b Complete the sentences. Use the present simple or present continuous.

- 1 Helen usually drives (drive) to work, but today it's sunny, so she's walking (walk).
- 2 Tom usually make dinner for his wife, but today it's his birthday, so he not cook.
- 3 I work (work) this evening, but I usually finish work at 5.00.
- 4 Scott and Chris often practise (practise) their guitars in the evening, but tonight, they play (play) in a concert.
- 5 Laura usually go (go) on holiday in the summer, but this year she work (work) in a restaurant.
- 6 I read (read) a book in English at the moment, but I usually buy (buy) books in Polish.

c Complete the article with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use present simple or present continuous.

### 3 PRONUNCIATION places in London

a Underline the stressed syllable in the **bold** words.

- 1 **Bu**cking **ham** **Pa**lace
- 2 **West** **min**ister **Ab**bey
- 3 **Co**vent **Gar**den
- 4 **St** **Paul**'s **Ca**the dral
- 5 **Pi**cca **dil**ly **Cir**cus
- 6 **Leices**ter **Square**
- 7 the **Hou**ses of **Par**lia**ment**
- 8 **Tra**falgar **Square**
- 9 **Wem**bley **Sta**dium
- 10 the **Tow**er of **Lon**don

b 5.4 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

#### What to do in

# LONDON

London <sup>1</sup>has (have) a lot of interesting museums. Most of the museums are free, so visitors <sup>2</sup>not need (not need) a ticket. This is the Natural History Museum. Today it <sup>3</sup>rain (rain), so a lot of people <sup>4</sup>visit (visit) the museum. It's a great place to take children, because they <sup>5</sup>love (love) the dinosaurs. In the photo, a girl <sup>6</sup>stand (stand) near a big dinosaur. She <sup>7</sup>not look (not look) at it, because her boyfriend <sup>8</sup>take (take) a photo. Every year, more than five million people <sup>9</sup>go (go) to the Natural History Museum, because it's very interesting, and it's a beautiful building.



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