Present Simple vs. Present Continuous

1) Match the sentences (1–7) with the grammar rules (A–G).

1 The main character, Ethan, goes to the theatre and finds a stranger waiting for him.
2 You're getting better at running all the time – well done!
3 There are often people on the beach in the mornings.
4 Madison's always playing computer games when he should be doing his homework.
5 I sleep in at the weekends because I don't go to school.
6 Jody doesn't have enough time to go riding every evening.
7 It's such a lovely day, I feel like going for a run.

A present simple for habits, facts and repeated actions
B present simple to describe what happens in a film or book
C present simple with stative verbs
D present continuous for changing situations
E present continuous with ***always*** for something that happens often and is annoying
F adverb after the verb to be
G adverbial phrase of frequency used at the end of a sentence

2) Order the following sentences and questions so that they make sense.

1 rugby / on / play / usually / my / friends / Saturdays / with / I

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2 today / exhausted / I / pretty / feel

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3 ten / out / Belle / tennis / of / times / practice / misses / nine

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4 am / skills / improving / baseball / my / I

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5 doing / Kylie / ballet / is / at / training / moment / the / her

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6 loves / Brooke / guitar / in / playing / the / band

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7 online / Jamie / to / who / chatting / is / ?

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8 is / asking / Billie / my / always / taking / football / without

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3) Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Do you want to find your DREAM?

It's OK if you've got a dream, but what if you 1_____ (want) to find something cool to do and aren't sure what it is yet?

A lot of people who 2_____ (not know) what they want end up doing what other people think they should do. Ask people what their dreams are and you often find they're different from what they 3_____ (actually/do) right now. Be the one who's brave enough to do something different!

Think: what 4_____ (you/always/think) about? 5_____ (you/feel) excited about sport, art, music…? What can't you live without? If you 6_____ (always/complain) because you have to practise the piano and can't help being envious of the drummer in that band – quit the piano and learn the drums instead.

The important thing is to set goals to keep yourself motivated. If you stick to them, you'll soon realise that you 7_____ (improve) all the time and are well on the way to achieving your dream!



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