

Present simple or present continuous

Circle the correct option.

Living on the streets

A hundred million people around the world ¹ are living / live on the streets at the moment, on dirty pavements or outside shops. Of course, the problem is very serious in poor countries, but it ² exists / is existing in rich countries, too. In Europe, 3 million people ³ sleep / are sleeping on the streets right now. There are many causes: some, for example, ⁴ have / are having no home after a period in prison or when they have arguments with family. Unfortunately, the problem ⁵ isn't going / doesn't go away and this is partly because houses ⁶ cost / are costing a lot nowadays. However, charities ⁷ work / are working hard, especially in the winter, to put roofs over people's heads and to improve the lives of people on the street. This year, there are many interesting projects. For example, charities around the world ⁸ are organizing / organize a huge football competition for people with no home.

. Choose the correct word to complete:

1. I know / am knowing where Lily is.
- She reads / is reading a fashion magazine in our library.
2. Why is this child cries / crying?
- Oh, he needs / is needing help because he fell off his bike.
3. My dad fixes / is fixing his car in the garage now.
4. Sam and Din believe / are believing in monsters living under their beds.
5. Do you believe / believing in witches?
- Hah, no, I don't. But I believe / am believing in the Tooth Fairy!
6. I like / am liking this comedy, because I know / am knowing all the actors.
7. They don't understand / aren't understanding French students.
8. Oh no! I hate / am hating vegetables in the soup.
9. Right now the dog catches / is catching the ball in the river.
10. We usually go / are going to the local park to ski on weekends.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 Tourists always visit (always/visit) the large department stores.
- 2 We (sit) in Brown's Café now – come and have a coffee with us!
- 3 The roads are busy because people (return) from work at the moment.
- 4 (you/usually/meet) friends in a café?
- 5 I (not/usually/visit) the city centre at weekends.
- 6 The band (not perform) here next week.
- 7 Nowadays, many people (go) to out-of-town shopping centres.
- 8 (you and Sarah/do) the shopping right now?

Rewrite the sentences in the present continuous. Write *not possible* where the present continuous can't be used.

- 1 I love this place. Not possible.
- 2 I enjoy living here.
- 3 Smartphones don't cost much these days.
- 4 I work in a factory.
- 5 I understand this painting now.
- 6 I prefer to buy fruit in the market.
- 7 People drive quickly down our street.
- 8 I watch football on my laptop.