

# Contrast: present simple and present continuous

*I can distinguish the use of the present simple and present continuous.*

## 1 Complete the dialogues with the correct present simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) to the gym every day?  
B: No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) every day.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) three times a week.
- 2 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (Sam / study) at your school?  
B: No, he \_\_\_\_\_ (not study) there. He \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at a private school.
- 3 A: Does your mother \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) English?  
B: Yes, she does. She also \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) French and Spanish. She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very good at languages.
- 4 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (your parents / work) in London?  
B: No, they don't. They both \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in Oxford.
- 5 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / practise) much before you perform a new play?  
B: Yes, we \_\_\_\_\_ (practise) for weeks before the first performance, and the director \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a lot of changes.

## 2 Complete the voice message with the correct present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Hi Steve! It's Sean. How are things? I hope you are well. <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / have) a good time in Hull? I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (call) from my grandparents' house in Cornwall. My sister and I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) here for a couple of weeks, and we <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) it a lot. I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) to study for my exams later, but now I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (relax). I'm not totally lazy, though – I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (run) every morning. Jake and I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (think) about spending a month in Spain. Would you like to go with us? Let me know! Well, the sun <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (shine) so I think I'll go for a walk. Bye!

## 3 Match sentences a–f with the uses of the present tense (1–6).

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| 1 something that happens regularly     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 verbs not used in continuous tenses  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 something happening at this moment   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 stating a fact or law                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 something happening around this time | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 a future plan                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- a I am leaving for London at 6 a.m. tomorrow.
  - b The Earth goes around the sun.
  - c I always play basketball on Saturdays.
  - d They are spending a lot of time together these days.
  - e I need some help with homework.
  - f Look outside – it's snowing!

## 4 Complete the sentences with the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Josh \_\_\_\_\_ at least one point in every game he plays. (score)
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ that they will give Kate a place on the team. (believe)
- 3 Susan \_\_\_\_\_ to finish her homework today. (try)
- 4 My dad \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese food tonight. (cook)
- 5 My brother loves books. He \_\_\_\_\_ a book every week. (read)
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ all of my old *Friends* DVDs this week. (watch)
- 7 Sam \_\_\_\_\_ before 7 a.m., even on Sundays. (get up)
- 8 Look out of the window. A big storm \_\_\_\_\_! (come)
- 9 Lisa usually \_\_\_\_\_ video games when she gets home. (play)
- 10 I \_\_\_\_\_ what you're saying, but I don't agree with it. (understand)

## 5 Complete the email with the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

✉ To: lauren@email.com

Hi Lauren

How <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) everything? I hope you <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a great time at football camp this week. I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) my summer drama project. Every summer we <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (put on) a play by Shakespeare, and this year we <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It's a great play because it <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) so many different roles. We <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (practise) about six hours a day and we're performing the play in public next week. I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (try) very hard to learn my lines. I <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (play) two parts in the play, and sometimes I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) which part I'm playing! Anyway, I <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) it will be a great performance. My grandparents <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) from Leeds next week just to see me in the play. I know you <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very busy at camp, but I <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hope) to hear from you soon.

Take care!

Daisy