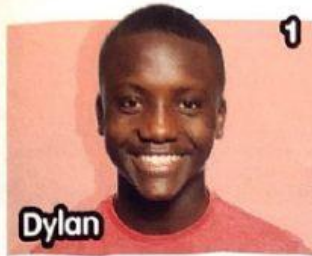


4 Read the letters two students wrote to Mr Jackson.



1

I'm a friendly person and I'm popular at school. I'm funny – I can make people laugh easily. I usually work hard and I'm polite to the teachers. Music is important to me. I had guitar lessons last year and I'm learning to play the keyboard now. I do a lot of sport. I play hockey twice a week and I go swimming every Tuesday. I'm teaching my little brother to swim at the moment. He's really enjoying it.

2

I love school. Art's my favourite subject. At the moment I'm painting a picture of the sea. I'm really pleased with it. I like to be busy – I'm not a lazy person. I also like helping other people. My neighbour's quite old and I often go shopping with her. She always tells me I'm very kind. She is going to be 85 soon. My mum and I are planning a party for her.



Gabby

5 Find the words in the box in the letters. Then use them to complete the sentences.

busy friendly funny kind lazy
pleased polite popular

- My brother's very He lies in bed until midday and never does any work.
- I was really when I got a good mark for my maths homework.
- Sonia is very She always thinks of other people and tries to help them.
- Everyone likes Toby. He's the most boy in the school.
- Our teacher is very – she always makes us laugh.
- When I speak to adults I try to be
- Sara is very She smiles a lot and she's easy to talk to.
- I'm really at the moment – I've got lots of things to do.

GRAMMAR Present simple and present continuous

6 Complete the table with examples of present simple and continuous from the two letters.

Present simple	Present continuous
I usually work hard.	I'm learning to play the keyboard.

7 Complete the rules.

- We use the present to talk about things happening now, at the moment.
- We use the present to talk about things that are always true or happen regularly.

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8 Choose the correct form of the verb.

- I watch / am watching Spartak Moscow play football every week.
- What do you usually eat / are you usually eating for dinner?
- Sorry, I can't talk now, I'm busy. I'm practising / I practise the piano.
- We learned about rivers last term and now we learn / are learning about forests.
- I'm quite lazy – I don't always do / I'm not always doing my homework.
- My dad is teaching / teaches me how to play tennis at the moment.

Corpus challenge

Can you correct the mistake in this sentence?
It rains a lot at the moment.

WRITING

9 Write a paragraph about yourself. Make notes first. Think of some:

- adjectives to describe yourself
- things you like and don't like
- sports and hobbies you usually do
- things you are learning/planning/doing now.