

Speakout pre–intermediate

Present Simple & Present Continuous

1 Work in pairs. Which verb can you use for a) and b)? Put each verb into the present simple or present continuous.

- 1 a) Don't switch off the TV! I 'm watching it.
b) I love that programme! I watch it every week.
- 2 a) Can you call me back later? I do my homework.
b) I try to keep fit. I do yoga and aerobics every day.
- 3 a) I love tennis, but I play badly.
b) Sorry, I can't hear you because Matthew plays the piano.
- 4 a) I get about twenty text messages a day, usually to friends.
b) She writes a book. It will be published next year.
- 5 a) Daddy can't come home now. He works late at the office.
b) Usually he works from 9a.m. to 5p.m. from Monday to Friday.
- 6 a) I like to spend time with friends. That's what makes me happy.
b) I drink some coffee. Do you want some?
- 7 a) She loves the school. She has a lot of friends there.
b) Jill has some problems with her phone. Can you check it?
- 8 a) He only met his real father last month. They begin to know each other now.
b) In the UK, about 50 percent of married couples have divorced.
- 9 a) She always reads a book to her son before he goes to sleep.
b) I read his new book at the moment. It's really good.
- 10 a) Hi Tim! I'm in town for a week. I see an old friend.
b) When we go to London, we usually visit the National Gallery.

2 A Make six true sentences about your life/job. Use a word/phrase from each box.

at home my friends in bed at the weekend
in the bath on Friday evening my family
during my holidays at my desk

work drink play do sing eat write talk
call visit

often sometimes rarely never always usually
once in a while occasionally hardly ever

G ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

3 A Match questions 1–7 with answers a)–g).

- 1 How often do you play sport?
- 2 Do you usually get up before 7a.m.?
- 3 How often do you phone your mother?
- 4 Do you eat a lot of meat?
- 5 How many texts do you send in a week?
- 6 Do you ever go camping?
- 7 How often do you read a newspaper?

- a) Yes, my children wake me up at 5.30a.m.
- b) I don't know. Maybe twenty.
- c) Very rarely. I watch the news on television.
- d) I play football once in a while.
- e) No, hardly ever. I prefer fish.
- f) Once a week. We always speak on Sundays.
- g) Yes, occasionally. But it usually rains.

