Grammar 1 present simple and present continuous; stative verbs

1 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous.

1 I _____ (take) the early train on Wednesdays and Fridays.

2 Lin often _____ (help) the staff in a local café.

3 These machines _____ (work) very well when it's cold.

4 We _____ (have) three hours of lessons on Monday mornings.

5 Can we speak later? I _____ (watch) a film.

6 What time _____ (you / leave) for school tomorrow?

2 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1 My sister *owns / is owning* a shop.

2 *I'm seeing / I see* a few friends later.

3 My little brother *is / is being* very shy.

4 *I don't like / I'm not liking* Indian food.

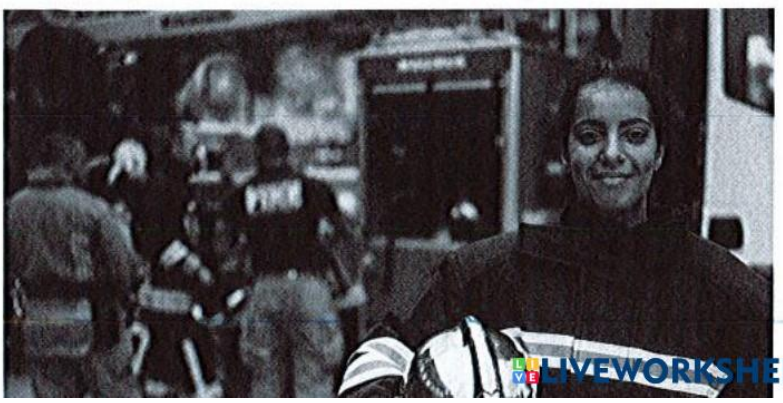
5 This sandwich *is tasting / tastes* really good.

6 *We're meeting / We meet* just after dinner this evening.

3 Complete the text with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets.

People say that my sister and I [1] _____ (be) similar, but I [2] _____ (not believe) that. She's a firefighter. She [3] _____ (work) hard, often in difficult situations. At the moment, she [4] _____ (do) a special training course at a fire station in London.

My sister [5] _____ (say) that fires often [6] _____ (start) because people [7] _____ (not think) about the possible dangers in their homes. She [8] _____ (always / tell) me to turn off my computer and TV.



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