

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.

