

## GRAMMAR Present tenses

## Present Simple

I always **press** 'Snooze' when my alarm goes off. (routine)

I **don't find** it easy to get up. (permanent situation)

## Present Continuous

Lots of people **are listening** to this podcast right now. (present action)

This term I **'m trying** to change my routine. (temporary situation)

He **'s making** progress this term. (changing situation)

## State verbs

belong, know, prefer, etc.

I **know** you're always at school early. NOT ~~I'm knowing~~

## State and dynamic verbs

I **think** I need help! (state verb: opinion)

What **are** you **thinking** about? (dynamic verb: mental process)

- 1 ● Match the verbs in bold in sentences 1–5 with functions a–e.

- 1 ☒ I **know** the answer.
- 2 ☐ Chris **is doing** his homework.
- 3 ☐ Sara **works** in a hospital.
- 4 ☐ I **'m working** at a restaurant for the summer.
- 5 ☐ I **get up** at 7 a.m. on weekdays.

- a a temporary situation
- b a present action
- c a state verb
- d a routine
- e a permanent situation

- 2 ● Choose the correct option.

- 1 My aunt and uncle **(have)** *are having* two children. They *go* / *'re going* to the same school.
- 2 I *don't agree* / *'m not agreeing* with the government's new education policy. What *do you think* / *are you thinking*?
- 3 I *don't watch* / *'m not watching* TV at the moment. I *do* / *'m doing* my homework.
- 4 We *stay* / *'re staying* in a different hotel this year because the place where we *usually stay* / *'re usually staying* is closed for the summer.
- 5 I *never ask* / *'m never asking* Phil for the answer. He *doesn't know* / *isn't knowing*.

- 3 ● Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or Present Continuous form of two of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I **hear** you're **learning** to play the drums. Is that true? (hear/learn/prefer)
- 2 I usually \_\_\_\_\_ for the school bus, but this morning I \_\_\_\_\_ a lift from my dad. (get/take/wait)
- 3 How much \_\_\_\_\_ your rucksack \_\_\_\_\_? It \_\_\_\_\_ really heavy. (weigh/look)
- 4 Quick, the film \_\_\_\_\_! You \_\_\_\_\_ the best part! (finish/miss/start)
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ my football coach because she always \_\_\_\_\_ me to do my best. (encourage/give/like)

- 4 ● Complete the email with the Present Simple or Present Continuous form of the verbs below.

close do enjoy have (x2) love ~~not know~~  
not work practise sell stay want



Hey, Ben!

How are things?

I <sup>1</sup> **don't know** if you know, but I've got a summer job in Munich. I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with my cousins who live here. It's great and I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ myself a lot. I'm working in a small shop which <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ designer clothes and the other people who work in the shop are really nice. We always <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lots of fun in the day. In the evening, when the shop <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, we usually all <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ dinner together somewhere. I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Munich! It's a really interesting city and I <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my German too!

What <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you) this summer? <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you) to come and visit me in Munich? It would be great to see you again and there's lots of space at my cousins' house, so you can stay with us. I <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at weekends, so we could spend some time together. Let me know!

Harry