

Climate change and school

1 Complete the rules with *simple* or *continuous*.

1 We use the present _____ to talk about ...
 A our lives and things we do every day, week, etc.
 B how we think or feel about something.

2 We use the present _____ to talk about ...
 A things that are happening now.
 B things that are happening around now (today, this week, etc.).

2 Choose the correct alternative. Then match to the rules (1A, 1B, 2A or 2B) in Ex 1.

1 Siri **works** / **is working** very hard at the moment. ____

2 We **travel** / **are travelling** to school by bus every day. ____

3 'Where's Jamal?' 'He **writes** / **is writing** an essay in his bedroom.' ____

4 'Whose bag is that?' 'I think it **belongs** / **is belonging** to Amy.' ____

5 Every year, some students **fail** / **are failing** their exams because they **don't revise** / **aren't revising**. ____

6 A **Do you like** / **Are you liking** netball, Anya? ____
 B No, it's boring. I **prefer** / **are preferring** basketball. ____

7 Our science lessons are always interesting – this week we **study** / **are studying** the water cycle. ____

8 Nasser **wants** / **is wanting** to be a climate scientist when he grows up. ____



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

A So Tariq, what¹ _____ (think) of your new classroom? Having your lessons on a boat seems strange.

B It is a bit strange, but I² _____ (like) it. Going to school on a boat is really cool.

A³ _____ (understand) why the boat is necessary?

B Yes, of course. It's because of climate change. We⁴ _____ (learn) about it in our science class this week. The climate⁵ _____ (change) and it means there is more water in the river. So we can't get to school by road.

A What is it like to study on a boat?

B It's exciting. At first it was strange, but now it⁶ _____ (get) easier. It⁷ _____ (have) desks, chairs and whiteboards – just like a normal school. And there are exams soon. Sometimes I⁸ _____ (forget) I'm on a boat.

A⁹ _____ (work) hard for your exams?

B Yes, I¹⁰ _____ (revise) for my exams at the moment. I¹¹ _____ (want) to go to university and study climate science, and I¹² _____ (know) it's important to get good grades at school.

4 Choose the correct alternative: A or B.

1 I _____ that climate change is a big problem.
 A believe B am believing

2 We _____ about 20th-century history at the moment.
 A learn B are learning

3 Whose is that book? It _____ to me.
 A doesn't belong B isn't belonging

4 You _____ good grades to get into university.
 A need B are needing

5 The weather is bad this week so we _____ sport.
 A don't play B aren't playing

6 I can't chat now, I _____ for a test tomorrow.
 A revise B am revising

5 Match 1–8 to A–H.

1 assignment	5 grade
2 secondary	6 primary
3 term	7 canteen
4 degree	8 pass

A the school that children under 12 years old go to.
 B a mark you get for a piece of work (e.g. A, B, etc.).
 C the school that teenagers go to.
 D the place in a school where people buy and eat their lunch.
 E be successful in an exam or test.
 F what you get after a successful course at university.
 G one of three parts of the year at school or university.
 H a piece of work you have to do for your studies.

6 Match the words below to the underlined words in the sentences.

essay fail progress qualifications
 revise technology

1 When she finishes this course she hopes to move up to the next level. ____

2 It's important to read your notes again before an exam so you remember everything. ____

3 We have to complete one short piece of writing on a particular subject every week. ____

4 You can't be a doctor if you don't have the right exam results. ____

5 If you get less than 50%, then you will not be successful in the test. ____

6 Our school uses solar panels to power all the computers, printers and phones. ____

7 Complete the questions with the verbs in brackets. Then write answers that are true for you.

1 Which subjects _____ you _____ at school this term? (study)

2 What technology _____ you often _____ for studying? (use)

3 What _____ you _____ to do after you finish school? (want)

4 Why _____ you _____ so hard at the moment? (work)
