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, what [1]_____ (think) of your new classroom? Having your lessons on a boat seems strange.
B It is a bit strange, but I [2]_____ (like) it. Going to school on a boat is really cool.
A [3]_____ (understand) why the boat is necessary?
B Yes, of course. It's because of climate change. We [4]_____ (learn) about it in our science class this week. The climate [5]_____ (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 it [6]_____ (get) easier. It [7]_____ (have) desks, chairs and whiteboards – just like a normal school. And there are exams soon. Sometimes I [8]_____ (forget) I'm on a boat.
A [9]_____ (work) hard for your exams?
B Yes, I [10]_____ (revise) for my exams at the moment. I [11]_____ (want) to go to university and study climate science, and I [12]_____ (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 ___
2 secondary ___
3 term ___
4 degree ___
5 grade ___
6 primary ___
7 canteen ___
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)
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