

## GRAMMAR

### Present simple and continuous

#### 1 Match the examples to the rules.

- Right now, I'm **taking part** in a competition for young game designers.
- In a few months, I'm **going on** a kayaking trip with my cousin.
- My friends and family **say** I'm a cheerful person.
- This term, I'm **having** tennis lessons.
- I **live** with my parents.

We use the present simple to talk about:

- facts.
- something that happens regularly.

We use the present continuous for:

- something that is happening right now or around now.
- temporary situations.
- future plans.

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#### 2 Complete the sentences with the present simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home at five o'clock every day.
- Mum \_\_\_\_\_ (work) late this week.
- Look at Dan. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not concentrate).
- \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) anything interesting next weekend?
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (play) the guitar and the piano.
- He always \_\_\_\_\_ (go) swimming on Saturdays.

#### 3 Look at Exercises 1 and 2. Are these time words and phrases used with the present simple (PS) or present continuous (PC)?

at the moment / right now **PC**  
 never, sometimes, always  
 every day/week/year  
 this month/term/week  
 later, tomorrow, tonight  
 on Saturdays, at weekends  
 next week/weekend/month

#### 4 Write six sentences about you. Use the time words and phrases in Exercise 3.

*Right now, I'm having an English lesson.*

#### 5 Read the information about the verbs. Check the meaning of the verbs you don't know.

We don't use some verbs in continuous forms. These verbs are called **stative verbs** and include: *believe, hate, know, like, love, mean, need, own, prefer, understand, want.*

*I don't understand this question.*

*NOT I'm not understanding this question.*

#### 6 Complete the sentences with the positive or negative form of the verbs in Exercise 5. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- My uncle owns three cars.
- Ruby's very friendly. We really like her.
- I know how old he is. He looks about 14.
- What is this word ?
- I'm feeling miserable today. I don't like cold weather.
- You're speaking too quickly and I can't hear you.

#### 7 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

- We have / 're having problems with the computers at the moment.
- I need / 'm needing some new shoes.
- I write / 'm writing to you about a trip we are planning in November.
- Tonight she goes / 's going to the cinema with some friends.
- This term I have / 'm having some extra maths lessons.
- I never forget / 'm never forgetting my homework.

#### 8 Work with a partner. Turn to page 120.

## VOCABULARY

### Prefixes: un-, in-, im-

#### 1 Read the examples. Then write the opposites of the adjectives, 1-12.

**EP** I'm finding coding **impossible** at the moment!  
 Lucas's room is always really **untidy**.  
 I'm quite **independent**.

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| 1 kind      | 2 friendly | 3 patient  |
| 4 expensive | 5 known    | 6 polite   |
| 7 visible   | 8 healthy  | 9 well     |
| 10 fair     | 11 lucky   | 12 correct |

#### 2 Agree with these sentences. Use an adjective from Exercise 1 or its opposite.

- A: I didn't recognise any of the actors in that film.  
 B: They were all **unknown**, I think.
- A: Dad never waits for me!  
 B: You're right. He's very **impatient**.
- A: Mum's still in bed!  
 B: I know. She's feeling really **unwell**.
- A: It's important to wear bright clothing on a bike at night.  
 B: Yes, you need to be **visible** to drivers.
- A: We have to be home at 10.30. That's so early!  
 B: Yeah. It's really **late**.
- A: I can't believe you found your phone!  
 B: I know. I'm so **lucky**.
- A: The last question in the homework was hard!  
 B: Yes! I got the same answer as you, but Mrs Thomas said it was **correct**.

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