

1A GRAMMAR present simple and continuous, action and non-action verbs



a Circle the correct form of the verbs.

Pavel What ¹do you study / are you studying?

Elvira Humanities.

Pavel ²I do / I'm doing Fine Arts. Where
³do you come / are you coming from?

Elvira I'm from Salamanca, in Spain.

Pavel And how many hours of classes ⁴do you have /
are you having a week?

Elvira ⁵It depends / It's depending on the week,
but usually about 20 hours. ⁶Do you know /
Are you knowing about the party tonight?

Pavel ⁷Do you mean / Are you meaning the one
for new students? I can't go, because
⁸I get ready / I'm getting ready to move
into my flat tomorrow.

Elvira Where ⁹do you live / are you living at the
moment?

Pavel ¹⁰I stay / I'm staying in a student hostel.

Elvira What ¹¹do you do / are you doing on Sunday
afternoon? If you ¹²want / are wanting, we
could meet and look around the city.

Pavel I'm busy in the afternoon, but what about
Sunday morning?

Elvira Fine. Where shall we meet?

b Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs: present simple or present continuous.

Maggie Hello John, what a surprise! What ¹are you
doing (do) here?

John The same as you probably! I ²_____ (buy) a few things for dinner.

Maggie How are things? Are you still working at the
same place?

John Yes, but I ³_____ (not like) it very
much. My boss ⁴_____ (depend) on
me for everything. The worst thing is that she
always ⁵_____ (get) the credit and I
⁶_____ (do) all the work!

Maggie That ⁷_____ (sound) terrible.
⁸_____ you _____ (have
to) go back to work this afternoon?

John No, I only work until lunchtime on Fridays
because I always ⁹_____ (have)
lunch with my friend Paula. She
¹⁰_____ (not work) on Fridays, so
we usually ¹¹_____ (meet) at that
nice little Italian restaurant in town.
¹²_____ you _____ (want) to
come?

Maggie I'd love to, but I ¹³_____ (need) to
get home. My sister ¹⁴_____ (stay)
with us for a few days. Some other time!

ACTIVATION

Practise the conversations with a partner.