

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



a Circle the correct form of the verbs.

**Pavel** What <sup>1</sup>**do you study / are you studying?**

**Elvira** Humanities.

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

**Elvira** I'm from Salamanca, in Spain.

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

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

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

**Elvira** Where <sup>9</sup>**do you live / are you living** at the moment?

**Pavel** <sup>10</sup>**I stay / I'm staying** in a student hostel.

**Elvira** What <sup>11</sup>**do you do / are you doing** on Sunday afternoon? If you <sup>12</sup>**want / 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 <sup>1</sup>**are you doing** (do) here?

**John** The same as you probably! I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a few things for dinner.

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

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

**Maggie** That <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sound) terrible. <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to go back to work this afternoon?

**John** No, I only work until lunchtime on Fridays because I always <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lunch with my friend Paula. She <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not work) on Fridays, so we usually <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) at that nice little Italian restaurant in town.

<sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to come?

**Maggie** I'd love to, but I <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (need) to get home. My sister <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) with us for a few days. Some other time!

### ACTIVATION

Practise the conversations with a partner.