

GRAMMAR

Present Simple and Present Continuous

• Present Simple

Facts, habits and routines

I usually have breakfast at lunchtime.

• Present Continuous

Things happening at the moment of speaking

We are walking up a mountain.

Things happening around now but maybe not at the moment of speaking.

This week my parents are doing some work on the house.

1 Decide if the verbs in the sentences show facts (F), a routine (R), something happening during a period of time (P), or something happening right now (N).

- 1 F My mum works in a hospital.
- 2 She always gets up at 6.30 and takes a taxi to work.
- 3 N Today she isn't feeling very well, so she's staying at home.
- 4 P At the moment she's sitting in bed and sending some emails.
- 5 R She has friends in lots of different countries.
- 6 P She's working with a new team of doctors this week.
- 7 N She usually finishes work at 6.00.
- 8 N Oh dear – the phone is ringing. Perhaps it's the hospital.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct present forms of the underlined verbs.

- 1 I usually have cereal for breakfast. Today, I'm having eggs and toast.
- 2 Mariah doesn't always come to extra Maths classes after school. She this week because her marks are getting worse!
- 3 It always when I'm on holiday and look – it's raining now!
- 4 I know you often play tennis. you this week?
- 5 My friend to school again – she walks to school every morning.
- 6 My brother usually watches game shows, but tonight he a soap opera.

3 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 C Cathy doesn't usually go to bed late,
- 2 She really enjoys soap operas,
- 3 She knows a lot of languages,
- 4 She usually goes on holiday to Spain,
- 5 She sometimes plays the guitar in a band,
- 6 She doesn't often go out during the week,

- a but she hates game shows.
- b but she's staying in London this summer.
- c but she's reading now and it's midnight!
- d but this week she's playing the drums.
- e but she's watching a film at the cinema now.
- f but she doesn't speak Italian.

4 Choose the correct option.

- 1 We usually study / are usually studying Maths on Mondays, but today we have / we're having a test.
- 2 Jenna's listening to music and / but she's watching TV at the same time! How?
- 3 I don't do / 'm not doing my homework at the moment because my computer doesn't work / isn't working.
- 4 I wait / 'm waiting for my friend, but he is late.
- 5 Do you always have / Are you always having a big breakfast before school? No, I don't / I'm not.
- 6 My sister usually wears / is usually wearing jeans, and / but today she wears / 's wearing a skirt.

5 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs below.

enjoy not get have hear love
play practise sing (x2)

My friend, Liz, is amazing. She's only fifteen, but she ¹has a brilliant weekend job. Every Friday and Saturday night she ² with a band. She's got a lovely voice. Her brother ³ the guitar. They're both really good musicians. They ⁴ a lot of money, but they ⁵ it. The band always ⁶ in our classroom during the lunch break and I can ⁷ them now. Mia ⁸ an Adele song. I ⁹ their music!