2.4 Grammar

Present Simple and Present Continuous

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 [ ] Today she isn't feeling very well, so she's staying at home.
4 [ ] At the moment she's sitting in bed and sending some emails.
5 [ ] She has friends in lots of different countries.
6 [ ] She's working with a new team of doctors this week.
7 [ ] She usually finishes work at 6.00.
8 [ ] 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 <u>have</u> cereal for breakfast. Today, I'*m having* eggs and toast.
2 Mariah doesn't always <u>come</u> 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 <u>raining</u> now!
4 I know you often <u>play</u> tennis. _____ you _____ this week?
5 My friend _____ to school again – she <u>walks</u> to school every morning.
6 My brother usually <u>watches</u> 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 [1]*has* 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!

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