

### 3 GRAMMAR present continuous

- a Complete the conversation with the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Use contractions where possible.

A What <sup>1</sup> are you doing (you / do), Stefan?

B I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at some paintings online. I want to buy a poster of one for the living room.

A My sister <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do) an art course at the moment. Perhaps she can paint something for us.

B Um...perhaps. But look at this one – it's really beautiful. It's by Vermeer, and there's a girl who

<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a blue and yellow scarf on her head and a big pearl earring.

A I'm not sure. She <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not / smile).

B I know, but that makes it more interesting.

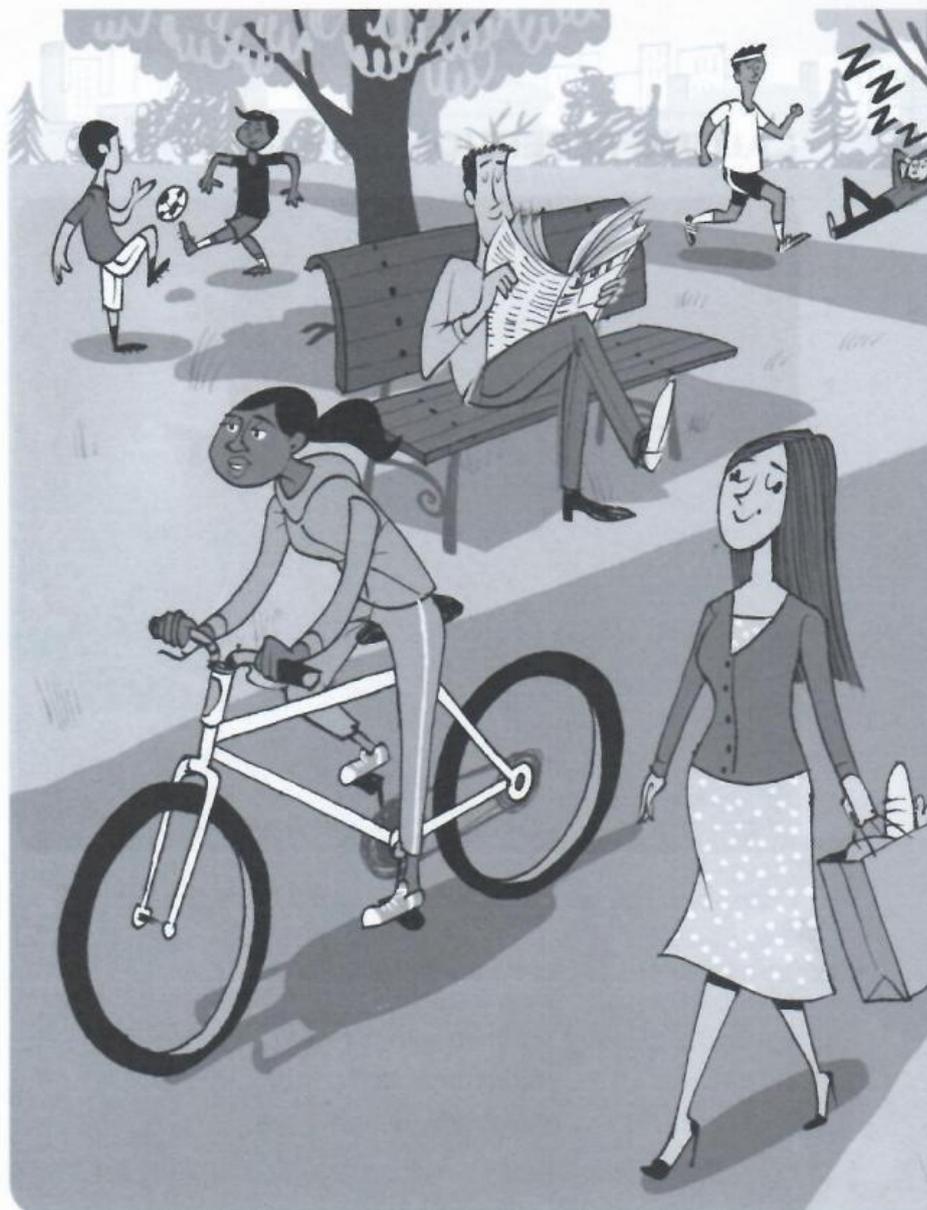
A OK. If you like it, order it. My sister can paint something for the dining room.

- b Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of a verb from the list. Use contractions where possible.

drink drive like live  
rain sleep study wear

- 1 We like \_\_\_\_\_ this painting very much – it's really interesting.
- 2 Charles always \_\_\_\_\_ to work.
- 3 Shhhh! The children \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 We can't play tennis today.  
It \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Fiona \_\_\_\_\_ four cups of coffee every day.
- 6 Kathy always \_\_\_\_\_ jeans at home.
- 7 They can't come to the theatre because they \_\_\_\_\_ for the exam tomorrow.
- 8 My parents \_\_\_\_\_ in a big house in the country.

- c Look at the picture. Complete the questions with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets.



- 1 What *is* \_\_\_\_\_ the man on the bench *reading* \_\_\_\_\_ (read)?
- 2 What \_\_\_\_\_ the boys under the tree \_\_\_\_\_ (play)?
- 3 What \_\_\_\_\_ the woman on the left \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?
- 4 What \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (wear)?
- 5 What \_\_\_\_\_ the woman on the right \_\_\_\_\_ (wear)?
- 6 What \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (carry)?
- 7 What \_\_\_\_\_ the runner \_\_\_\_\_ (wear)?
- 8 What \_\_\_\_\_ the man under the tree \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?

d Answer questions 1–8 in c.

- 1 The man on the bench *is reading a newspaper.* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 The boys are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 The woman on the left \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_.