1B Grammar

Present tense contrast

I can use different tenses to talk about the present and future.

1 Circle the correct tense.

1 'What **do you do / are you doing** tonight?' '**I stay / I'm staying** at home.'
2 Can you text me when you **get / 're getting** home?
3 The sun **rises / is rising** in the east and **sets / is setting** in the west.
4 Why **do you laugh / are you laughing**? It isn't funny!
5 My dad **leaves / is leaving** home every day at eight o'clock.
6 My sister **always borrows / is always borrowing** my clothes. It's really annoying!
7 What time **does your train arrive / is your train arriving**?

2 Match sentences 1–7 in exercise 1 with the uses of tenses a–g below.

Present simple

a for habits and routines ☐
b for a permanent situation or fact ☐
c for timetables and schedules ☐
d in future time clauses (starting with *when, as soon as, after, if,* etc.) ☐

Present continuous

e for something happening now or about now ☐
f for describing annoying behaviour (with *always*) ☐
g for future arrangements ☐

3 Complete the dialogue with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Martin Hurry up! The film [1]_____ (start) in ten minutes.
Hannah I [2]_____ (look for) my phone. [3]_____ you _____ (know) where it is?
Martin No. Why [4]_____ you always _____ (lose) things? It's so annoying!
Hannah I usually [5]_____ (keep) it on my bedside table, but it isn't there.
Martin [6]_____ you _____ (remember) when you last used it?
Hannah No – that's the problem.
Martin You [7]_____ (not need) your phone at the cinema. Look for it when we [8]_____ (get back).
Hannah I won't have time when we get back. I [9]_____ (go) straight out again ... It's OK. Here it is! It was in my pocket!

4 Some of the sentences are incorrect. Rewrite them correctly. Tick the correct sentences.

1 Mel is belonging to the drama club. ☐
_____
2 Do you prefer beach holidays or adventure holidays? ☐
_____
3 Call me as soon as you're arriving. ☐
_____
4 Jack is hating spaghetti. ☐
_____
5 Why are you always interrupting? ☐
_____
6 I'm not understanding this maths calculation. ☐
_____

5 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the same verb in each pair of sentences. Use the present simple and present continuous.

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1 a That food _____ delicious!
b What _____ you _____ at?
2 a What _____ you _____ about?
b Who _____ you _____ will win the match?
3 a 'Where's Tom?' 'He _____ a shower.'
b Dogs _____ a good sense of smell.

6 Complete the questions with the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or present continuous. Then write true answers, in complete sentences.

1 Where _____ you usually _____ on Saturday mornings? (go)
_____
_____
2 What _____ you usually _____ on Saturday mornings? (do)
_____
_____
3 What time _____ school _____ and _____? (start / finish)
_____
_____
4 What _____ your parents _____ now? (do)
_____
_____

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