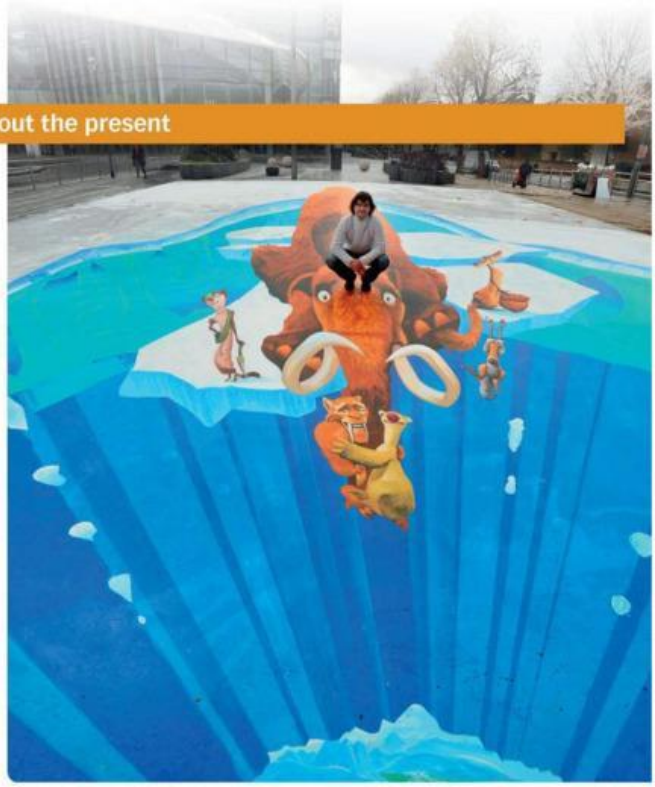
2 Inside outside

2.1 Street life

GOALS ☐ Talk about where you live ☐ Talk about the present

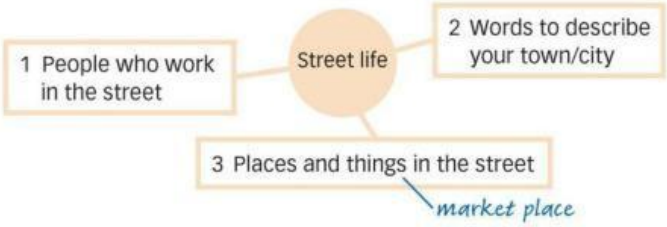


Vocabulary & Speaking street life

1 Work with a partner and discuss the questions.

1 What can you see in the photo?
2 Do pavement artists work in your town or city?
3 What other jobs do people do outside?
4 Would you like to work outside? Why/Why not?

2a With your partner, add the words in the box to the mind map.



souvenir seller stall safe crowded statue dirty huge pavement artist ~~market place~~ pedestrian area rubbish lively dull street cleaner street performer parking space

b Match words 1–5 to words a–e to make compound nouns. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.

1 pavement	a seller
2 newspaper	b area
3 play	c café
4 flower	d bin
5 rubbish	e stall

PRONUNCIATION compound nouns

3a 2.1 Listen to the compound nouns in the box and underline the word we stress.

market place

market place souvenir seller pavement artist
parking space street cleaner pedestrian area
street performer

b 2.2 Listen again and repeat the compound nouns.

4a Use these sentences, or change them to make them true for your town or city. Write another sentence to give more information. Try to use some of the words from exercise **2a**.

The nightlife is lively → The nightlife is dull. There aren't any good restaurants or clubs.

1 The nightlife is lively.
2 It's famous for its statue of a lion.
3 The market has all kinds of stalls.
4 The pedestrian area is good for shopping.
5 It's difficult to find a parking space.
6 There's a huge problem with rubbish in the city centre.
7 There are lots of souvenir sellers in summer.
8 The city centre is safe at night.

b Compare your answers with a partner.

5 Work in a group. Describe your town or city using the prompts below.

- There's plenty/nothing to do ...
- It's good for ...
- It's famous for ...
- There's a huge problem with ...
- There are all kinds of ...

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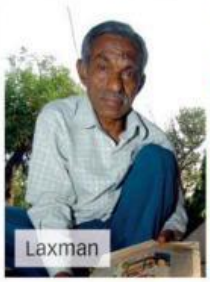
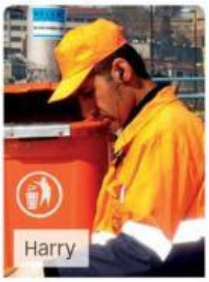
Grammar & Speaking present simple and present continuous

6 2.3 Listen to a radio programme in which three people, Edgar, Laxman and Harry talk about their work in the street. Match the notes to the people (E, L or H).





1 a tea-seller and a writer
2 knows everyone
3 holds a world record
4 a street cleaner
5 a 3D pavement artist
6 thinks his luck is changing

7 2.3 Listen again and complete the sentences with one or two words.

1 The art _____ outside.
2 They _____ getting close to the art.
3 More and more people _____ books and newspapers in Hindi these days.
4 My luck _____ now.
5 Every now and then, my boss _____ my work.
6 What hours _____ you _____ today?
7 Today I _____ from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

8 Write present simple (PS) or present continuous (PC) next to sentences 1–4 in the Grammar focus box. Then complete the rules using the words *simple* or *continuous*.

GRAMMAR FOCUS
present simple and present continuous

1 The art happens outside. _____
2 My luck is changing now. _____
3 What hours are you working today? _____
4 Every now and then, my boss checks my work. _____

- We use the present [5] _____ to talk about routines and things that are always true.
- We use the present [6] _____ to talk about things that are happening now or around now.
- We do not usually use the present continuous to talk about states, verbs like: *know, like, love, prefer, understand, want,* etc.

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9 Read the text and underline the correct form of the verb.

Dustbot, the Street Cleaning Robot

Rubbish is a big problem for all of us, but in Italy, scientists [1] **are developing / develop** a new and very different way to collect rubbish.

Dustbot is a friendly-looking robot with maps and GPS navigation. You simply [2] **are calling / call** Dustbot on your mobile and it [3] **is coming / comes** to your house and [4] **is taking / takes** your rubbish away whenever you [5] **are wanting / want**. In many Italian towns with small or narrow streets, rubbish trucks [6] **aren't finding / don't find** it easy to get around. With Dustbot, this is not a problem.

These days, we [7] **are trying / try** to improve the ways we deal with rubbish and [8] **are recycling / recycle** more and more. Dustbot is a fun idea, so let's hope it helps!

■ **Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation** tells you where you are, gives directions and helps you find your way

10 Put the time expressions in the box into the correct group.

a present simple
b present continuous

always at the moment usually occasionally right now every Sunday never

11a Write present simple or present continuous questions using the prompts.

1 what / do / every Sunday ?
2 how often / go into / the city centre ?
3 what / tourists / usually / visit / in your town ?
4 how / your life / change / at the moment ?
5 what / like / about your home town ?
6 what / happen / outside / right now ?

b Work with a partner and ask and answer the questions.

12a TASK Work in a group and discuss the questions.

1 How is your city changing at the moment?
2 What general changes are taking place in your country right now?
3 Do you feel positive or negative about these changes?

b Decide which are the three most positive changes and the three most negative ones.

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2.1 Present simple and present continuous

1 Positive and negative statements

GR2.1

	Subject	Auxiliary	Main verb	
	Present simple:			
+	I		leave	my house at 8 a.m.
	She		gets	home at 7 p.m.
–	He	**doesn't**	like	fish.
	We	**don't**	buy	our food in the market.
	Present continuous:			
+	I	**am**	cross**ing** the road	now.
	She	**is**	enjoy**ing**	the music.
–	We	**aren't**	shopp**ing**	at the moment.

2 Questions

GR2.1 (continued)

	Auxiliary	Subject	Main verb	
	Present simple:			
	Do	you	give	money to people in the street?
	Present continuous:			
	Are	you	working	today?

- We use the present simple to talk about routines and things that are always true.
- We use the present continuous to talk about things that are happening now or around now.
- We do not usually use the present continuous with stative verbs. Common stative verbs include verbs that describe:

  Feelings: *like, love, hate, feel*

  Desires: *prefer, want, need*

  Thoughts: *understand, know, believe, remember, forget, agree, realize*

  States: *exist, cost, seem, be, mean, belong, own*

1 Circle the correct option.

Living on the streets

A hundred million people around the world [1] *are living / live* on the streets at the moment, on dirty pavements or outside shops. Of course, the problem is very serious in poor countries, but it [2] *exists / is existing* in rich countries, too. In Europe, 3 million people [3] *sleep / are sleeping* on the streets right now. There are many causes: some, for example, [4] *have / are having* no home after a period in prison or when they have arguments with family. Unfortunately, the problem [5] *isn't going / doesn't go* away and this is partly because houses [6] *cost / are costing* a lot nowadays. However, charities [7] *work / are working* hard, especially in the winter, to put roofs over people's heads and to improve the lives of people on the street. This year, there are many interesting projects. For example, charities around the world [8] *are organizing / organize* a huge football competition for people with no home.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1 Tourists *always visit* (always/visit) the large department stores.
2 We _____ (sit) in Brown's Café now – come and have a coffee with us!
3 The roads are busy because people _____ (return) from work at the moment.
4 _____ (you/usually/meet) friends in a café?
5 I _____ (not/usually/visit) the city centre at weekends.
6 The band _____ (not perform) here next week.
7 Nowadays, many people _____ (go) to out-of-town shopping centres.
8 _____ (you and Sarah/do) the shopping right now?

3 Rewrite the sentences in the present continuous. Write *not possible* where the present continuous can't be used.

1 I love this place. *Not possible.*
2 I enjoy living here. _____
3 Smartphones don't cost much these days. _____
4 I work in a factory. _____
5 I understand this painting now. _____
6 I prefer to buy fruit in the market. _____
7 People drive quickly down our street. _____
8 I watch football on my laptop. _____

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