

GRAMMAR: PRESENT SIMPLE / PRESENT CONTINUOUS

06 Read the blog entry and look at the verbs in purple. Then, complete the table using the verbs from the blog entry. There are two examples.

MY BLOG

ABOUT POSTS COMMENTS

SUNDAY

12:46pm

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I'm **having** a great time here in Iceland. I **don't miss** home at all. I'm **not staying** in a hotel. I'm **staying** at a little guesthouse with 11 other people. Every day, **we get up** early and go hiking or climbing. At the moment, I'm **resting** in my room because I'm exhausted. At home, I **usually sleep** about eight hours a night but on this holiday I need at least 10 hours a night because I'm so active! Our guide is great. **He looks after** us really well and **he always makes** us laugh. I'm happy with the food, but **my friend doesn't like** it very much. Today, **we're having** reindeer burgers. **The chef is cooking** them now and they smell delicious.

HERE ARE A FEW PHOTOS OF MY TRIP SO FAR.

This is my group. **They're hiking** near a beautiful waterfall.



In this picture, **we're riding** Icelandic ponies.



My friend **is climbing** a volcano. It's really hard work!





Present simple		Present continuous	
affirmative	negative	affirmative	negative
We get up			I'm not staying

07 Look again at the verbs in Exercise 6. Then, complete the grammar rules with *simple* or *continuous*.

- 1 We use the present _____ with time words and phrases, such as *at the moment, today* and *now*.
- 2 We use the present _____ with adverbs, such as *always, sometimes, usually* and *every day*.
- 3 We use the present _____ to talk about habits and routines.
- 4 We use the present _____ to describe the action in photographs.

08 Rewrite the verbs using the third person -s / -es / -ies and the -ing form.

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| 1 live _____ | 8 ride _____ |
| 2 get _____ | 9 lie _____ |
| 3 carry _____ | 10 pass _____ |
| 4 hope _____ | 11 cry _____ |
| 5 wash _____ | 12 make _____ |
| 6 run _____ | 13 see _____ |
| 7 play _____ | 14 begin _____ |

09 Match questions 1–4 with answers A–D. Then, complete the grammar rules with *simple* or *continuous*.

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| 1 Are you enjoying your holiday? | A Yes, I do./No, I don't. |
| 2 What are you doing at the moment? | B At about 7 am. |
| 3 Do you usually get up early? | C Yes, I am./No, I'm not. |
| 4 When does your brother get up? | D I'm having a rest. |
- 5 When you make a question in the present _____, use the auxiliary verb *do*.
- 6 When you make a question in the present _____, use the question form of the verb *to be*.

10 Read the conversations. Then, complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

- 1 A Hi, Gabby. What _____ (you/do) at the moment?
Do _____ (want) to go out somewhere?
B I can't, sorry. I _____ (watch) a football match on TV. My team usually _____ (play) really well but they _____ (lose) very badly today!
A Oh, no! Maybe another time then.
- 2 A Tom, I _____ (wait) for you outside the cinema. Where are you?
B I'm sorry, I'm still on the bus. It's terrible – this bus never _____ (arrive) on time.
A Oh, OK. See you soon.
- 3 A Hi, Jane. Sam _____ (not answer) my calls today. Is there something the matter with him?
B No, he's fine. It's just that he's got a French exam next week, so he _____ (study) at the moment.
- 4 A How _____ usually _____ (you/get) to college Chris?
B I _____ (walk). It _____ (not take) long. What about you?
A My Dad usually _____ (drive) me there but he _____ (work) today.
B Well, let's walk together.



In exams, you will need to show that you have an understanding of different verb tenses and how to use them in sentences, conversations and longer texts.



11 Write questions using the words in the present simple or present continuous forms. Then, in pairs, ask and answer the questions.

1 Why / learn / English?

2 What time / usually / get up?

3 What / learn about / in geography at the moment?

4 play / tennis?

5 What / teacher / do / now?

1 2 You are going to read an article about a sportsperson. First, look at the photos and skim read the article once quickly. Then, in pairs, answer the questions.

- 1 Who do you think Aimee Fuller is?
- 2 What sport has Aimee become successful in?
- 3 What is the reason for this article?



AIMEE FULLER

SNOWBOARDING STAR

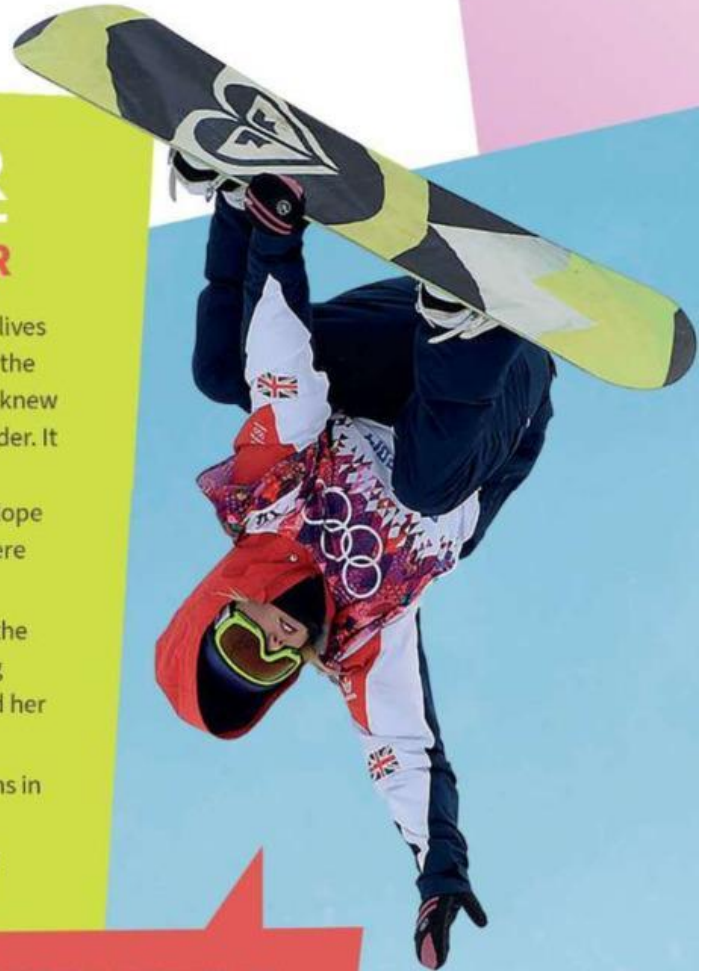
Aimee Fuller was born in England but now lives in the USA. She moved to the east coast of the United States at the age of 12 because she knew she wanted to be a professional snowboarder. It wasn't possible to train properly in her

hometown because it hardly ever snowed. There was a dry ski slope in her town, where she learnt how to ski and snowboard, but there weren't any mountains with snow to practise the sport.

Aimee quickly found sponsors and a coach when she arrived in the USA, and she is now a successful and well-known snowboarding star. She has done really well in many national competitions and her dream is to win an Olympic gold medal one day.

Aimee spends most of her time practising on the snow, and trains in the gym four to five times a week. She also goes cycling and running. Aimee says it is very important to keep fit because that helps her stay safe when she is doing snowboarding tricks and jumps. Her advice to people who want to learn how to do jumps, is to start small and only do bigger jumps when they feel ready.

DURING HER FREE TIME, AIMEE LIKES TO SPEND TIME AT HOME, SWITCH OFF HER PHONE AND LAPTOP AND HANG OUT WITH HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY.



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Read the article in Exercise 12 again and choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

Ex: Aimee spent the first few years of her life in England.

A True

B False

C Not Given

Answer: A

1 Aimee learnt to ski before she started snowboarding.

A True

B False

C Not Given

2 It often snowed during winter in Aimee's hometown.

A True

B False

C Not Given

3 It took Aimee a long time to find a coach after she moved to the USA.

A True

B False

C Not Given

4 Aimee has won an Olympic medal.

A True

B False

C Not Given

5 Aimee practises snowboarding in the mountains at least three times a week.

A True

B False

C Not Given

6 Aimee thinks that snowboarding is more dangerous for her when she is not fit.

A True

B False

C Not Given

7 In her free time, Aimee prefers being with people to spending time on her laptop.

A True

B False

C Not Given

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Complete the words from the article to match the descriptions.

1 This is someone who is paid to do a sport or other activity. _____

2 This means to practise your sport. _____

3 This word describes someone who is doing well in his/her life. _____

4 When you are this, you don't get tired easily when you exercise or do sport. _____

5 You ask someone for this when you want to know what to do. _____

07 Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 My mum is working _____ | A like doing in his free time? |
| 2 I often go to the cinema _____ | B in Italy at the moment. |
| 3 I can't speak to you right now _____ | C at the weekend? |
| 4 What does your brother _____ | D because I'm studying. |
| 5 In this photo, I'm climbing _____ | E eating his sandwich? |
| 6 What do you usually do _____ | F on a Saturday evening. |
| 7 Why isn't Sam _____ | G a volcano with my uncle. |

08 Read the sentences and underline the correct answer.

- 1 I **don't know** / I'm not knowing how to play tennis, but I would like to learn.
- 2 I'm very sorry, I **can't remember** / I'm not remembering your name.
- 3 Can you help me with my homework? I'm **not understanding** / I don't understand this question.
- 4 John **is having** / **has** a great time on holiday. Look at these pictures on his blog!
- 5 I'm afraid you can't borrow that book. **It belongs** / **It is belonging** to my sister and she **is reading** / **reads** it at the moment.
- 6 I **don't want to** / I'm not wanting to go out tonight. I'm too tired!
- 7 My brother **has** / **is having** so many hobbies! At the moment, he **is taking** / **takes** photos in the garden.
- 8 Sue **isn't hearing** / **can't hear** you at the moment. She **is having** / **has** a shower.