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1- Choose the correct phrase in each sentence.

- a) What time go you/do you go to bed on Saturdays?
- b) Why are you waiting/do you waiting outside the door?
- c) Don't ask Tim. He doesn't know/not knows the answer.
- d) I having/I'm having my lunch at the moment.
- e) When you leave/do you leave the house in the morning?
- f) I don't understand. What is happening/is happen?
- g) Excuse me, does you know/do you know the time?
- h) This is a great party. I'm having/Am I having a lovely time.

2- Complete each sentence with a present simple or present continuous form, using the words in bold.

Do you like cheese sandwiches?

you like

b) What time _____?

the sun rise

c) What _____ at the moment?

you read

d) Sorry, I can't talk _____ a bath.

I have

e) We _____ at school.

not watch videos

f) Look out of the window! _____

it snow

g) This is an examination! Why _____?

you talk

3-Choose the correct sentence for each situation.

a) You want to invite a friend to your party on Friday. You say:

1 I have a party on Friday. Do you want to come?

2 I'm having a party on Friday. Do you want to come?

b) You find a wallet on your desk and ask the people nearby:

1 Who does this wallet belong to?

2 Who is this wallet belonging to?

c) A friend invites you to a snack bar at lunch time. You say:

1 Thanks, but I always go home.

2 Thanks, but I'm always going home.

d) A friend opens the door and says: What are you doing? You reply:

1 I work as a secretary.

2 I am repairing the computer.

e) You haven't decided yet about buying a new bike. You say:

1 I think about it.

2 I'm thinking about it.

f) A friend asks: Do you like lemon tea? You reply:

1 I prefer tea with milk.

2 I'm preferring tea with milk.

g) A friend asks you if you have finished the book she lent you. You say:

1 Sorry, I still read it.

2 Sorry, I'm still reading it.

h) It's a hot day, but a friend has a heavy coat on. You ask:

1 Why do you wear a heavy coat?

2 Why are you wearing a heavy coat?

4- Put each verb in brackets into the present simple or present continuous.

a) Ugh, don't show me that picture I (hate) **hate** mice!

b) Who (you, go) _____ to the match on Saturday with?

c) In the winter, what (you/ wear) _____?

d) I can't stand horror films. I (think) _____ they're silly!

e) Diana (not, usually, sit) _____ next to Ellen.

f) Why (you/look at) _____ me like that?

g) Excuse me. (this bus/ stop) _____ outside the station?

h) I (not take) _____ the bus to school today.