

## GRAMMAR 6 PRESENT CONTINUOUS AND PRESENT SIMPLE

### 1 Choose the best sentence for the situation.

- 1 A I'm in the bathroom! I wash my hair.  
B I'm in the bathroom! I'm washing my hair. ✓
- 2 A This maths problem is difficult. Do you know the answer?  
B This maths problem is difficult. Are you knowing the answer?
- 3 A Do you wait for the school bus? You're in the wrong place!  
B Are you waiting for the school bus? You're in the wrong place!
- 4 A Look at that bike! It costs £350.  
B Look at that bike! It is costing £350.
- 5 A Do you understand this exercise?  
B Are you understanding this exercise?
- 6 A Sorry, I'm busy. I do my homework.  
B Sorry, I'm busy. I'm doing my homework.

### 2 Complete each sentence. Use the words in brackets. Use present simple or present continuous.

- 1 Richard (always, get up) ..... *always gets up* ..... before 7.00.
- 2 Hurry up! The bus (wait) ..... for us!
- 3 Where (we, go) ..... ? This is the wrong road!
- 4 My friends (not believe) ..... my story.
- 5 Please be quiet! I (read) ..... a very interesting book.
- 6 (like, Susan) ..... horror films?
- 7 Maria (usually, sit) ..... at the front of the class.
- 8 Carlos can't talk to you at the moment. He (have) ..... a shower.
- 9 Please wait for a moment, Jane. I (talk) ..... to Susan.
- 10 This bike (cost) ..... a lot of money.

### 3 Choose the most suitable word or phrase for each space.

- 1 'Someone ~~is~~ for you outside.' 'Who is it?'  
A waits                      B is waiting                      C waiting
- 2 'What ..... of this book?' 'I think it's fantastic!'  
A do you think              B is you think                      C you do think
- 3 ..... in ghosts?  
A Are you believe      B Are you believing      C Do you believe
- 4 Kate is busy. She ..... for a test.  
A is study                      B is studying                      C is studies
- 5 ..... a great time at the moment!  
A We are have              B We're have                      C We're having
- 6 Tina usually ..... at 7.00.  
A get up                      B is getting up                      C gets up

## 5C GRAMMAR present simple or present continuous?

a Put the verbs in the present simple or present continuous. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 A What *are* you *doing* at the moment? (do)  
B I'm *checking* my emails. (check)
- 2 A Why \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ those old clothes? (wear)  
B Because I \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden. (work)
- 3 A What's that loud music?  
B My neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ a party. (have)
- 4 A Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_? (go)  
B To my parents' house for lunch we usually \_\_\_\_\_ there for lunch on Sundays. (go)
- 5 A Hi, Nora! What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ here? (do)  
B I \_\_\_\_\_ for a friend. (wait)
- 6 A Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_? (work)  
B I \_\_\_\_\_ in a restaurant. I'm a waiter. (work)
- 7 A What's the answer to number 5?  
B Shh! I \_\_\_\_\_ to the teacher. (listen)
- 8 A \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ a uniform for work? (wear)  
B Yes. And I \_\_\_\_\_ it. It's horrible. (not like)
- 9 A Look! It \_\_\_\_\_. (snow)  
B Great. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ a snowman. (make)
- 10 A Hello, Jim. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_? (go)  
B I \_\_\_\_\_ to the supermarket. (go)
- 11 A Where's Simon?  
B In the bathroom. He \_\_\_\_\_ a shower. (have)
- 12 A When \_\_\_\_\_ you usually \_\_\_\_\_ your friends? (see)  
B On Friday night. We always \_\_\_\_\_ after work. (meet)

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**15–19** Excellent. You understand the difference between the present continuous and the present simple.

**11–14** Quite good, but check the rules in the Grammar Bank (Student's Book p.132) and look at the exercise again.

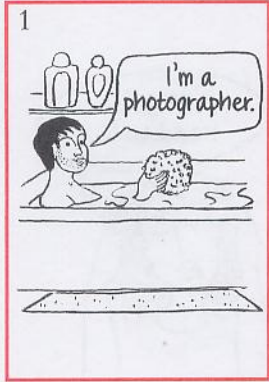
**1–10** This is difficult for you. Read the rules in the Grammar Bank (Student's Book p.132). Then ask your teacher for another photocopy and do the exercise again at home.

### activation

- b Work with a partner. Talk about two things you do every day, and two things you are doing at the moment.

EXERCISES

8.1 Answer the questions about the pictures.



- 1 Does he take photographs? Yes, he does. Is he taking a photograph? No, he isn't.  
 What is he doing? He's having a bath.
- 2 Is she driving a bus? ..... Does she drive a bus? .....  
 What is she doing? .....
- 3 Does he clean windows? ..... Is he cleaning a window? .....  
 What is he doing? .....
- 4 Are they teaching? ..... Do they teach? .....  
 What do they do? .....

8.2 Put in **am/is/are** or **do/don't/does/doesn't**.

- 1 Excuse me, do you speak English?  
 2 'Where's Ann?' 'I ..... know.'  
 3 What's funny? Why ..... you laughing?  
 4 'What ..... your sister do?' 'She's a dentist.'  
 5 It ..... raining. I ..... want to go out in the rain.  
 6 'Where ..... you come from?' 'Canada.'  
 7 How much ..... it cost to phone Canada?  
 8 George is a good tennis player but he ..... play very often.

8.3 Put the verb in the present continuous (**I am doing**) or the present simple (**I do**).

- 1 Excuse me. Do you speak (you/speak) English?  
 2 'Where's Tom?' 'He's having (he/have) a shower.'  
 3 I don't watch (I/not/watch) television very often.  
 4 Listen! Somebody ..... (sing).  
 5 Sandra is tired. .... (she/want) to go home now.  
 6 How often ..... (you/read) a newspaper?  
 7 'Excuse me but ..... (you/sit) in my place.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'  
 8 I'm sorry, ..... (I/not/understand). Can you speak more slowly?  
 9 It's late. .... (I/go) home now. ....  
 (you/come) with me?  
 10 What time ..... (your father / finish) work in the evenings?  
 11 You can turn off the radio. .... (I/not/listen) to it.  
 12 'Where's Paul?' 'In the kitchen. .... (he/cook) something.'  
 13 Martin ..... (not/usually/drive) to work. He  
 ..... (usually/walk).  
 14 Sue ..... (not/like) coffee. .... (she/prefer) tea.

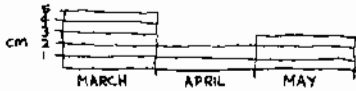
# 7 Present Simple (I work) or Present Continuous (I'm working)

## 1 Compare the Present Simple and the Present Continuous:

### Present Simple

We use the Present Simple to talk about 'regular' or 'usual' things:

*She **works** in a school. She's a teacher.*  
*Jane **speaks** French and Spanish.*  
*I **go** to the cinema every week.*



*It **rains** a lot in March.*



*Usually, I **play** tennis.....*

Joe: *What **does** Tom **do**?*

Sue: *He's a doctor.*

### Present Continuous

We use the Present Continuous for things that are happening now ('temporary' things):

*My brother **is working** in Paris this month.*  
*Tom **is speaking** on the phone at the moment.*  
 Pete: *Where **are** you **going**?*  
 Mary: *I'm **going** to the supermarket.*



*It's **raining** now!*



*but today I'm **playing** golf.*

Bill: *What's Tom **doing** this week?*

Sara: *He's **skiing** in Switzerland.*

## 2 We do not usually use these verbs in the Present Continuous:

like	hate	love	want	think (= believe)
know	mean	remember	understand	

Tom: *Do you **like** this book? (Not ~~Are you liking this book?~~)*

Pam: *Yes, I **think** it's good. (Not ~~Yes, I'm thinking it's good.~~)*

## Practice

### A Put the words in brackets in the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

- 0 Peter: What are you doing (you/do)?
- 1 John: I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) my homework.
- 2 Steve: How \_\_\_\_\_ (your sister/travel) to work every day?
- 3 Mary: She \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the bus.
- 4 Paul: What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/eat)?
- 5 Jill: An apple. It's delicious! I \_\_\_\_\_ (love) apples.
- 6 Carlos: Look! It \_\_\_\_\_ (snow).
- 7 Hans: It \_\_\_\_\_ (snow) every year in my country.
- 8 Sheila: What \_\_\_\_\_ (Joanna/do)?
- 9 Bill: I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) she's an actress, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a restaurant this month.

**B This is Anna's first letter in English to David. There are some mistakes. Rewrite wrong verb forms. Put a tick (✓) if the verb form is correct.**

Dear David,

I **live** <sup>0</sup> ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ in a large flat in Rome. I'm **having**  
<sup>0</sup> *have* \_\_\_\_\_ two sisters. They are called Rosa and Maria. We  
**are getting up** <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at seven o'clock every morning,  
and we **have** <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ coffee and a small breakfast. I **leave**  
<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the flat at eight and walk to the university. I **am**  
**finishing** <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ classes at five every day, and I **arrive**  
<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home at six. This month I **work**  
<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very hard for my first exams.

At the moment, I **eat** <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast in the kitchen of  
our flat, my mother **drinks** <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ coffee, and my sisters  
**are reading** <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ magazines.

On Saturday afternoons I **am playing** <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ tennis  
with my friends, or I **go** <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema. Today, I'm  
going to see a new English film. Sometimes I **am watching**  
<sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ American films on TV, but I'm **not**  
**understanding** <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the words! **Are you liking**  
<sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ films?

Please write to me soon.

With best wishes,

Anna



**C Write sentences. Use the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.**

0 (Usually she/work/at the office, but this week she/work/at home)

Usually she works at the office, but this week she's working at home.

1 (You/not/eat/very much at the moment. Are you ill?)

2 (She/know/three words in Italian!)

3 (I/take/the bus to work this week, but usually I/walk)

4 (I/study/Japanese this year. It's very difficult.)

5 (you/watch/the television at the moment?)

6 (I/not/remember/the name of the hotel)

7 (She/speak/three languages)

8 (The sun/shine/. It's a beautiful day!)