

## PRESENT SIMPLE VS. PRESENT CONTINUOUS

**2** Complete the sentences with the present continuous form of the verbs.

- A WENDY: Hi, Janice.  
 JANICE: Hello, Wendy! (1) Are you waiting (you / wait) for the London train?  
 WENDY: No, I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) my mother off the train from Bristol.
- B MANDY: (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (my radio / disturb) you?  
 JAMES: No, not at all. I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) the music.
- C TOM: (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (anyone / use) this room today?  
 ELLEN: The marketing managers (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a meeting here this afternoon, but it's free this morning.
- D NINA: Why (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (those people / shout)?  
 GRAHAM: They (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (demonstrate) against low wages.
- E BEN: (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / apply) for the manager's job when he retires?  
 COLIN: (10) I \_\_\_\_\_ (consider) it, but I haven't decided yet.
- F SALLY: (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (Jane / leave) work early today?  
 SUE: Yes, she (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) to Brussels at five o'clock.
- G TIM: (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / come) to the party on Thursday?  
 BILL: No, I (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) late, unfortunately.

### 3.1 Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

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| 1 Water <u>boils</u> at 100 degrees Celsius.                        | OK                |
| 2 The water <u>boils</u> . Can you turn it off?                     | <u>is boiling</u> |
| 3 Look! That man <u>tries</u> to open the door of your car.         | .....             |
| 4 Can you hear those people? What <u>do</u> they <u>talk</u> about? | .....             |
| 5 The moon <u>goes</u> round the earth in about 27 days.            | .....             |
| 6 I must go now. It <u>gets</u> late.                               | .....             |
| 7 I usually <u>go</u> to work by car.                               | .....             |
| 8 'Hurry up! It's time to leave.' 'OK, I <u>come</u> .'             | .....             |
| 9 I hear you've got a new job. How <u>do</u> you <u>get</u> on?     | .....             |
| 10 Paul is never late. He's always <u>getting</u> to work on time.  | .....             |
| 11 They don't get on well. They're always <u>arguing</u> .          | .....             |



- 3 Complete the description with the present continuous form of suitable verbs. Use the negative where necessary.



Mr and Mrs Clark and Percy by David Hockney, 1970

This is a painting of two people and their cat. Mr Clark (1) is sitting on a chair. Mrs Clark (2) ..... near him. They (3) ..... at each other, but at the viewer. Mrs Clark (4) ..... a long dress. Mr Clark's got trousers and a jumper, but he (5) ..... shoes. Percy is on Mr Clark's lap and he (6) ..... something in the garden. The sun (7) ..... outside, but the room is a bit dark. We can see part of a picture which (8) ..... on the wall behind Mrs Clark. There's a vase of lilies on the table, and a book (9) ..... beside it.

- 4 Choose a picture or photograph you like and describe what is happening in it.

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Put the verbs into the correct form: present continuous or present simple.

Tony Hunt, a journalist, is interviewing Leila Markham, an environmental scientist.

TONY: So tell me, Leila, why is it important to save the rainforests?

LEILA: There are a number of reasons. One is that many plants which could be useful in medicine (1) grow (grow) in the rainforest. We (2) don't know (not / know) all the plants, but there are thousands and thousands of them. Researchers (3) are trying (try) to discover their secrets before they are destroyed.

TONY: I see. What other reasons are there?

LEILA: Well, have you heard that the world (4) is getting (get) warmer?

TONY: Do you mean what scientists call 'global warming'?

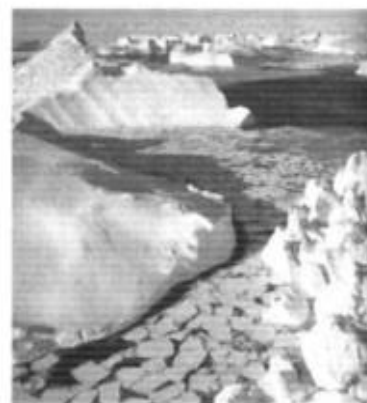
LEILA: That's right. The rainforests have always had an important influence on our weather. They (5) are disappearing (disappear) at a terrifying rate and people (6) aren't doing (not / do) enough to save them.

TONY: But I (7) enjoy (enjoy) warm sunshine. Is global warming really such a problem?

LEILA: You know that the polar regions (8) consist (consist) of millions of tons of ice. If they (9) do melt (melt), the level of the sea will rise and cause terrible floods. Many scientists (10) believe (believe) that temperatures (11) are rising (already / rise). We must do everything we can to prevent global warming, and that includes preserving the rainforests!

TONY: Thank you, Leila, and good luck in your campaign.

LEILA: Thank you.



Tick (✓) the sentences which are correct. In some pairs, one sentence is correct. In other pairs, both sentences are correct.

- 1 What do you think of my hair? ✓
- 2 You look great today!
- 3 Do you enjoy your meal?
- 4 I think of selling my car.
- 5 Where do you live?
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