

present simple, present continuous, stative verbs

1. Write the verb in *present continuous* (I am doing) or *present simple* (I do):

- a. Where's Nigel? **He's having** (he / have) a bath.
- b. **I don't listen to** (I / not listen) the radio very often.
- c. Listen! Somebody is singing (sing).
- d. How often do you watch (you / watch) TV?
- e. Lisa is very tired she wants (she / want) to go home now.
- f. I'm sorry, I don't understand (I / not understand). Can you repeat it, please?
- g. It's really late. I'm going (I / go) home now. Do you come (you / come) with me?
- h. What time do your father finish (your father / finish) work in the evenings?
- i. You can turn off the CD player. I am not listening (I / not listen) to it.
- j. Martin don't like (not like) meat he prefer (he / prefer) fish.
- k. The girl in the painting is playing (play) the piano.
- l. My dog's not dangerous. He don't bite (not bite)
- m. Why are you wearing (you / wear) sunglasses? It's raining raining! (rain)
- n. Be careful! The baby is putting (put) that pencil in his mouth!

2. Write sentences. Use the *present simple* or the *present continuous*.

- a. 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.
- b. The sun / shine/. It's a beautiful day!
The sun is shining. It's a beautiful day!
- c. You / not / eat / very much at the moment. Are you ill?
You aren't eating very much at the moment. Are you ill?
- d. I / not / remember / the name of the hotel.
I don't remember the name of the hotel.
- e. I / study / Chinese this year. It's very difficult.
I'm studying Chinese this year. It's very difficult.
- f. you / watch / the television at the moment?
Are you watching the television at the moment?

3. Translate into English:

- a. Pedro está tocando la guitarra.

Pedro is playing the guitar.

- b. Normalmente bebo té, pero ahora estoy bebiendo café.

Normally I drink tea, but now I'm drinking coffee

- c. ¿Qué haces? Estoy leyendo el periódico.

What are you doing? I'm reading the newspaper.

- d. ¿Entiendes lo que quiero decir?

Do you understand what I want to say?

- e. ¿Qué hacen Julio y Elena? Están viendo la televisión.

What are Julio and Elena doing? They are watching the TV.

- f. ¿Qué hacen Julio y Elena? Son arquitectos.

What Julio and Elena do? They are architects.

- g. Me gusta esa canción. ¿Quién canta?

I like that song. Who is singing it?

4. Put the correct tense (*present simple* or *present continuous*).

- a. I (think) he's away.

I think he's away.

- b. You (know) what I (mean).

You know what I mean

- c. She (always / complain).

She is always complaining.

- d. We (always / start) at nine.

We always starts at nine

- e. Scientists (believe) the weather (change).

Scientist believes the weather change

- f. I (not see) what the problem is.

I'm not seing what the problem is.

- g. Why (you / look) at me like that?

Why are you looking at me like that?

- h. Now I (understand) what she wants.

Now I understand what she wants.