

## Present simple & present continuous

### Present simple

We use the present simple to talk about:

- regular habits and routines.  
*We usually **go** rollerblading at the weekend.*
- permanent situations.  
*David **lives** in Manchester.*
- scientific facts.  
*Water **boils** at 100°C.*
- states, not actions, e.g. like, believe, know.  
*She **doesn't like** chorizo.*

### Present continuous

We use the present continuous to talk about:

- something that is happening now or 'around now'.  
*They're **playing** tennis at the moment.*
- temporary situations.  
*He's **visiting** his grandparents in Ibiza.*
- changing or developing situations.  
*The number of car accidents every year **is increasing**.*

### 1 Complete the following questions and answer them. Use the present simple.

Example: Where / your sister / live/?

- Where does your sister live?
- She lives in Granada.

- What time / school / start/?
- You / play / computer games / ever /?
- How many people / there / be / at the party/?
- Where / you / meet / your friends / usually/?
- How / Marta / go / to school/?

### 2 Complete the following questions and answer them. Use the present continuous.

Example: Why / your sister / cry?

- Why is your sister crying?
- She is crying because she is sad.

- What / you / do / right now / ?
- Why / they / clean / the house / ?
- What / Paul and Susan / watch / on TV / ?
- Where / your friends / cook / for dinner / ?
- What / Caroline / wear / today / ?

### 3 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the present simple or present continuous.

Kim usually **visits** (visit) her cousins at the weekend.

At the moment Linda is **working** (work) as a motorcycle courier.

- Tom ..... often ..... (not go) to the Cyber café.
- Excuse me. .... you ..... (know) how to get to Church Street?
- What ..... you ..... (listen to)?
- Juan ..... (work) for Iberia Airlines. He's a pilot.
- In the summer, the sun ..... (rise) at five o'clock in the morning.
- I ..... (not like) my gym. I ..... (not get) fit fast enough!

### 4 Complete the text. Use the correct form of the present simple or present continuous.

It's the year 2100. Ben <sup>1</sup> ..... (be) a computer programmer and he <sup>2</sup> ..... (live) on the moon. Every day at 18.00 he <sup>3</sup> ..... (finish) work at the space station and <sup>4</sup> ..... (go) to the Matrix café.

It's 18.30 and Ben <sup>5</sup> ..... (look out) of the café window at the space cars flying by.

Every day he <sup>6</sup> ..... (watch) the same space cars, but today is different. Ben <sup>7</sup> ..... (not sit) alone. There <sup>8</sup> ..... (be) a girl at his table. She <sup>9</sup> ..... (read) a digital magazine. The girl is very beautiful. She <sup>10</sup> ..... (have got) short, orange hair and yellow eyes.

She <sup>11</sup> ..... (wear) a green space suit. '..... I ..... (know) you?' she asks.

'I <sup>13</sup> ..... (not think) so,' says Ben. 'I'm Ben. What's your name?'

**5 Write the questions. Use the present simple or present continuous. Then answer them.**

1 Why /she / wash / the dishes?

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2 How often / you / go / to the cinema?

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3 What time / you / usually / get up?

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4 What / you / wear / today?

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