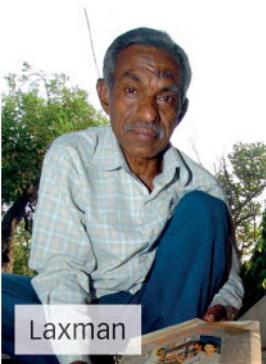


REVISION: TALKING ABOUT ROUTINES AND TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES

You are going to listen to three different interviews with people who work in the street and talk about their work (you can listen to the audio as many times as you need). Do the activities below.

- 1) 2.3 Listen to a radio programme in which three people, Edgar, Laxman and Harry talk about their work in the street. Match the notes to the people (E, L or H).

(audio 2_3)



- 1 a tea-seller and a writer
- 2 knows everyone
- 3 holds a world record
- 4 a street cleaner
- 5 a 3D pavement artist
- 6 thinks his luck is changing

- 2) Listen again and complete the sentences with one or two words.

- 1 The art _____ outside.
- 2 They _____ getting close to the art.
- 3 More and more people _____ books and newspapers in Hindi these days.
- 4 My luck _____ now.
- 5 Every now and then, my boss _____ my work.
- 6 What hours _____ you _____ today?
- 7 Today I _____ from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.



3D pavement art

3)

Write present simple (PS) or present continuous (PC) next to sentences 1–4 in the Grammar focus box. Then complete the rules using the words *simple* or *continuous*.

GRAMMAR FOCUS

present simple and present continuous

- 1 The art happens outside. _____
 - 2 My luck is changing now. _____
 - 3 What hours are you working today? _____
 - 4 Every now and then, my boss checks my work. _____
- We use the present ⁵ _____ to talk about routines and things that are always true.
 - We use the present ⁶ _____ to talk about things that are happening now or around now.
 - We do not usually use the present continuous to talk about states, verbs like: *know, like, love, prefer, understand, want*, etc.

4)

Put the time expressions in the box into the correct group.

- a present simple
- b present continuous

always at the moment usually occasionally right now
every Sunday never

TRANSCRIPT (you can read it while listening to the audio again)**ANSWERS:****2.3))**

- P Good morning and welcome to the show. Today, we're talking to three very different people about their work outside in the street Edgar Müller, an amazing 3D pavement artist, Laxman Rao, a tea-seller, and Harry Bakewell, a street cleaner. So, first of all, Edgar, why do you think 3D pavement art is so popular nowadays?
- E The art happens outside, so people can enjoy the art on their way to work – they don't have to go to art galleries or museums to see it. They love getting close to the art and exploring it.
- P Your painting, *Ice Age*, was 330 square metres and broke a world record. Why do you do such huge paintings?
- E Well, er, I want to change how the street looks.
- P Hmm ... but why's that important?
- E Because I'm interested in the way people see the world: people watch and ask questions when I'm working. Also, I want them to walk on the paintings, become part of the art.
- P Laxman Rao is a tea-seller and a writer in New Delhi, India. So Laxman, please tell me about your work.
- L Well, every day I serve tea at a stall in central Delhi – it's crowded and noisy, but my job for the last twenty years! I also write novels and plays in Hindi, India's national language.
- P Uh-huh, but why does a writer have to sell tea?
- L Well, actually, I'm the writer, publisher and the salesman! Before I never made enough money from my books, but I think my luck is changing now.
- P Oh really? Why's that?
- L Well, more and more people are reading books and newspapers in Hindi these days. Did you know it's the third most spoken language in the world? And one of my novels is selling well, so ...
- P Finally, Harry Bakewell is a street cleaner from London in England. Good morning, Harry. Could you tell us a little bit about your job now? Do you work alone?
- H Yeah, I do, but I work in a very lively neighbourhood and I know everyone, so it's fine. There's plenty to do and all kinds of people to chat to, so it's never dull! I have to be careful though, because every now and then, my boss checks my work and I get in trouble if I'm chatting or drinking tea when he arrives!
- P And what hours are you working today?
- H Well, er, today I'm working from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- P And how do you find this work?
- H Well, er, I work in a pedestrian area near the city centre, and we do have a huge problem with rubbish so it's hard work, but I prefer working outdoors and I'm not embarrassed about my job. The people who drop their rubbish on the pavement instead of putting it in the bin should be embarrassed, not me!

1) I L 2 H 3 E 4 H 5 E 6 L

- 2) 1 happens
2 love
3 are reading
4 is changing
5 checks
6 are (you) working
7 'm working

- 3) 1 PS
2 PC
3 PC
4 PS
5 simple
6 continuous

4)

present simple – always, usually, occasionally, every Sunday, never

present continuous – at the moment, right now

Now study the table with the differences between the present simple and continuous forms and uses.

2.1 Present simple and present continuous

1 Positive and negative statements

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| | Subject | Auxiliary | Main verb | |
|---------------------|---------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Present simple: | | | | |
| + | I | | leave | my house at 8 a.m. |
| | She | | gets | home at 7 p.m. |
| - | He | doesn't | like | fish. |
| | We | don't | buy | our food in the market. |
| Present continuous: | | | | |
| + | I | am | crossing the road | now. |
| | She | is | enjoying | the music. |
| - | We | aren't | shopping | at the moment. |

- We use the present simple to talk about routines and things that are always true.
- We use the present continuous to talk about things that are happening now or around now.
- We do not usually use the present continuous with stative verbs. Common stative verbs include verbs that describe:
Feelings: *like, love, hate, feel*
Desires: *prefer, want, need*
Thoughts: *understand, know, believe, remember, forget, agree, realize*
States: *exist, cost, seem, be, mean, belong, own*

Now it's time to practise:

- A) Read the text and underline the correct form of the verb.

Dustbot, the Street Cleaning Robot

Rubbish is a big problem for all of us, but in Italy, scientists **1 are developing / develop** a new and very different way to collect rubbish.

Dustbot is a friendly-looking robot with maps and GPS navigation. You simply **2 are calling / call** Dustbot on your mobile and it **3 is coming / comes** to your house and **4 is taking / takes** your rubbish away whenever you **5 are wanting / want**. In many Italian towns with small or narrow streets, rubbish trucks **6 aren't finding / don't find** it easy to get around. With Dustbot, this is not a problem.

These days, we **7 are trying / try** to improve the ways we deal with rubbish and **8 are recycling / recycle** more and more. Dustbot is a fun idea, so let's hope it helps!

- **Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation** tells you where you are, gives directions and helps you find your way



- B) Circle the correct option.

Living on the streets

A hundred million people around the world **1 are living / live** on the streets at the moment, on dirty pavements or outside shops. Of course, the problem is very serious in poor countries, but it **2 exists / is existing** in rich countries, too. In Europe, **3 million people 3 sleep / are sleeping** on the streets right now. There are many causes: some, for example, **4 have / are having** no home after a period in prison or when they have arguments with family. Unfortunately, the problem **5 isn't going / doesn't go** away and this is partly because houses **6 cost / are costing** a lot nowadays. However, charities **7 work / are working** hard, especially in the winter, to put roofs over people's heads and to improve the lives of people on the street. This year, there are many interesting projects. For example, charities around the world **8 are organizing / organize** a huge football competition for people with no home.

C) Rewrite the sentences in the present continuous. Write *not possible* where the present continuous can't be used.

1 I love this place. *Not possible.*

2 I enjoy living here. _____

3 Smartphones don't cost much these days. _____

4 I work in a factory. _____

5 I understand this painting now. _____

6 I prefer to buy fruit in the market. _____

7 People drive quickly down our street. _____

8 I watch football on my laptop. _____

ANSWERS:

- | | | |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------|
| A) | 1 are developing | 5 want |
| | 2 call | 6 don't find |
| | 3 comes | 7 are trying |
| | 4 takes | 8 are recycling |

- B)** 1 are living 2 exists 3 are sleeping 4 have 5 isn't going 6 cost 7 work 8 are organizing

- C)**
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|---|
| 1 not possible |
| 2 I am enjoying living here. |
| 3 not possible |
| 4 I am working in a factory. |
| 5 not possible |
| 6 not possible |
| 7 People are driving quickly down our street. |
| 8 I am watching football on my laptop. |