

# Verbs

## 11 *am, is, are*: Present Simple tense of verb *to be*

### FORM

#### Positive

#### Negative

Long	Short	Long	Short	Question
I am	I'm	I am not	I'm not	Am I ... ?
You are	You're	You are not	You aren't	Are you ... ?
She is	She's	She is not	She isn't	Is she ... ?
He is	He's	He is not	He isn't	Is he ... ?
It is	It's	It is not	It isn't	Is it ... ?
We are	We're	We are not	We aren't	Are we ... ?
They are	They're	They are not	They aren't	Are they ... ?

**Note:** We can always use the positive short form after pronouns (*I'm, you're, she's, he's, it's, we're, they're*) but we cannot always use it after nouns.

➤ See Appendix 3 on short forms.

### Practice

#### 11a Write the short form.

1 It is a lovely day.

*It's a lovely day.*

2 We are not students.

*We aren't students.*

3 I am sorry.

.....

4 She is not here today.

.....

5 They are in the garden.

*They're* .....

6 It is not very warm.

.....

7 He is American.

.....

8 I am not very well.

.....

9 You are very cold.

.....

10 We are late.

.....

#### 11b Complete the sentences with *am, is* or *are*.

1 She *is* in my class.

2 They *are* not in my office.

3 I ..... from Spain.

4 He ..... a good teacher.

5 How ..... you?

6 ..... she coming?

7 ..... they at home?

8 The book ..... here.

9 The class ..... very big.

10 The books ..... on my desk.

11 My sister and I ..... leaving.

12 It ..... not my pen.

13 ..... English very difficult?

14 ..... I right?

- 7a** 1 Anne's 2 Andrew's 3 your brother's  
4 the teacher's 5 The dog's 6 Judy's  
7 my wife's 8 That bird's 9 Jeff's  
10 the doctor's
- 7b** 1 Susan's 2 your husband's 3 Robert and Sarah's 4 teachers' 5 children's 6 men's  
7 Alice's 8 month's 9 students' 10 my mother's
- 8** 1 car keys 2 top of the garden 3 bedroom window 4 hotel room 5 school gates  
6 bottom of the hill 7 side of the house  
8 bathroom light 9 town clock 10 sea air
- 9** 1 that 2 These 3 That 4 This 5 those  
6 this 7 These 8 Those
- 10a** fast *faster*  
easy *easier*  
slow *slower*  
strong *stronger*  
dirty *dirtier*  
small *smaller*  
bad *worse*  
happy *happier*  
cold *colder*  
fat *fatter*  
thin *thinner*  
nice *nicer*  
heavy *heavier*  
old *older*  
big *bigger*  
angry *angrier*  
long *longer*  
good *better*  
clean *cleaner*  
short *shorter*
- 10b** 1 are cheaper than 2 is heavier than  
3 is warmer than 4 is faster than  
5 is older than 6 is longer than  
7 is earlier than 8 is younger than
- 10c** 1 English is easier than Japanese.  
2 Karen is shorter than her twelve-year-old son.  
3 My suitcase is heavier than your suitcase.

- 4 My father is older than my mother.  
5 Boats are slower than planes.  
6 The Mississippi is longer than the Nile.  
7 The Atlantic is colder than the Mediterranean.  
8 Wool is warmer than cotton.  
9 Trains are faster than buses.  
10 The Empire State building is taller than the Statue of Liberty.

**11a** 1 It's 2 We aren't 3 I'm 4 She isn't  
5 They're 6 It isn't 7 He's 8 I'm not  
9 You're 10 We're

**11b** 1 is 2 are 3 am 4 is 5 are 6 is  
7 Are 8 is 9 is 10 are 11 are 12 is 13 is  
14 Am

**12a** 1 's got  
2 've got  
3 's got  
4 've got  
5 's got  
6 've got  
7 's got  
8 've got  
9 's got  
10 's got  
11 's got  
12 's got

**12b** 1 Jill hasn't got ... / Jenny's got ...  
2 Jill's got ... / Jenny hasn't got ...  
3 Jill's got ... / Jenny hasn't got ...  
4 Jill hasn't got ... / Jenny's got ...  
5 Jill hasn't got ... / Jenny's got ...  
6 Jill's got ... / Jenny hasn't got ...  
7 Jill's got ... / Jenny hasn't got ...  
8 Jill's got ... / Jenny hasn't got ...  
9 Jill hasn't got ... / Jenny's got ...  
10 Jill hasn't got ... / Jenny's got ...

**12c** 1 'Have you got your swimming costume?'  
'Yes, I have.'  
2 'Have you got your umbrella?' 'No, I haven't.'  
3 'Have you got your travel?' 'Yes, I have.'  
4 'Have you got your camera?' 'No, I haven't.'

# 13 I walk to school: Present Simple tense: positive

## FORM

I	work.
You	
We	
They	

She	works.
He	
It	

- *She, he, it*: add *s* to the verb.

I	teach.
You	
We	
They	

She	teaches.
He	
It	

- Verbs ending in **sh, ch, ss, o** or **x**, e.g. *teach, wash, watch, go*: add **es** to the verb after *she, he, it*.

I	carry.
You	
We	
They	

She	carries.
He	
It	

- Verbs ending in consonant + **y**, e.g. *carry, study, cry*: change **y** → **i** and add **es** after *she, he, it*.

➤ See Appendix 2 on spelling rules.

## USE

- To give a general description of a person or thing. Not for an activity happening now.
- With *think, know, understand, agree, want* (verbs that are not activities).
- With *sometimes, often, always, usually, never, occasionally* (adverbs of frequency). These adverbs usually go before the present simple verb:  
*She often goes there.*  
*He doesn't often go there.*  
*Do you sometimes go there?*
- With repeated times, e.g. *every Saturday, in the evening* (= every evening), *at 8 o'clock* (= at 8 o'clock every day), *in the summer* (= every summer).

## Practice

**13a** Complete the sentences with the verb in the correct form.

- 1 Children *ask* a lot of questions. (ask)
- 2 I *love* classical music. (love)
- 3 You always ..... my birthday. (forget)
- 4 She never ..... to me. (listen)
- 5 They usually ..... coffee after their evening meal. (drink)

- 6 I ..... to work when the weather's cold. (drive)
- 7 My parents usually ..... to our house on Sundays.  
(come)
- 8 They ..... two languages at school. (learn)
- 9 The village shop ..... at 8 o'clock in the morning. (open)
- 10 We ..... her a diary every year. (give)
- 11 He often ..... with his brother. (fight)
- 12 You never ..... me with my homework. (help)
- 13 Big dogs ..... a lot of exercise. (like)
- 14 He ..... Arabic. (understand)
- 15 Lessons ..... at 9 o'clock every morning. (start)

**13b** Complete the sentences with the verb in the correct form.

- 1 She *goes* to college on her bike. (go)
- 2 A lot of birds *fly* south in the winter. (fly)
- 3 She ..... very hard at the weekends. (study)
- 4 My father ..... television most evenings. (watch)
- 5 I often ..... at the cinema. (cry)
- 6 She ..... a lot of homework in the evenings. (do)
- 7 A mother cat ..... her kittens. (wash)
- 8 You ..... language very well. (teach)
- 9 He ..... the shopping for his grandmother. (carry)
- 10 He's very naughty – he ..... other children. (push)

**13c** Write the sentences again, using *she* or *he*.

- 1 I always listen to the radio in the mornings. (She)  
*She always listens to the radio in the mornings.*
- 2 I take the dog for a walk every day. (He)  
*He takes the dog for a walk every day.*
- 3 I usually buy all the food. (She)  
.....
- 4 I teach history and Latin. (She)  
.....
- 5 I walk to the office every day. (He)  
.....

6 I never wash the car. (She)

.....

7 I open the building every morning. (He)

.....

8 I occasionally write letters to my old school friends. (He)

.....

.....

9 I drink a lot of tea with my breakfast. (He)

.....

10 I watch the football on television every Saturday. (She)

.....

.....

**13d** In your notebook, write sentences in the present simple about these people.

Name:	(Ms) Sarah Jones
Nationality:	British
Address:	3, Clapham Terrace, London, S.W. 2. Great Britain
Job:	Bank cashier
Hobbies:	I play tennis and work in the garden
Languages:	French and a little Spanish

Name:	(Ms) Deniz Ulgen
Nationality:	Turkish
Address:	Buyuk Caddesi 15, Kizilay, Ankara, Turkey
Job:	Hotel receptionist
Hobbies:	I play chess and go to concerts
Languages:	English German

Name:	(Mr) Pierre Moulin
Nationality:	French
Address:	15, rue du Nord, 94250 Gentilly, Paris, France
Job:	Shop manager
Hobbies:	I paint and listen to music
Languages:	Some English and a little Italian

Name:	(Ms) Maria Protopapas
Nationality:	Greek
Address:	Agios Pedros 9, Galatsi 11142 Athens, Greece
Job:	School teacher
Hobbies:	I go for long walks and play volleyball
Languages:	Fluent English and some Arabic

Example: Sarah Jones *comes from Britain.*

*She lives in London.*

*She works in a bank.*

*She often plays tennis and works in the garden.*

*She speaks French and a little Spanish.*

Deniz Ulgen ...

Pierre Moulin ...

Maria Protopapas ...

## 14 Present Simple tense: questions

### FORM

Do	I you we they	live ...?	Does	she he it	live ...?
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- Question form: **do, does** + subject + infinitive.
- There is no **s** at the end of the verb in questions:  
*She lives ... but Does she live ...?*  
 NOT ~~Does she lives ...?~~

### Short answers

Yes,	I you we they	do.	No,	I you we they	do not. (don't)
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Yes,	she he It	does.	No,	she he it	does not. (doesn't)
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### Practice

**14a** Add **do** or **does** to make questions and **do, don't, does** or **doesn't** to make short answers.

- 1 '...*Does*... she live with her parents?' 'Yes, she ...*does*...'
- 2 '...*Do*... you like your job?' 'No, I ...*don't*...'
- 3 '..... I speak Italian well?' 'Yes, you ..... '
- 4 '..... you drive to work?' 'No, I ..... '
- 5 '..... they work hard at university?' 'Yes, they ..... '
- 6 '..... Alan smoke?' 'No, he ..... '
- 7 '..... your sister visit you very often?' 'Yes, she ..... '
- 8 '..... we usually give her a birthday present?'  
 'No, we ..... '
- 9 '..... you write to your parents very often?' 'No, I ..... '
- 10 '..... he help you very much?' 'Yes, he ..... '

**14b** Make these sentences into questions.

- 1 The shop closes at 5 o'clock.

*Does the shop close at 5 o'clock?*

- 2 They go swimming every weekend.

*Do they go swimming every weekend?*

- 3 She speaks English well.

.....

- 4 It rains a lot here in winter.

.....

- 5 You drink a lot of tea.

.....

- 6 I eat too much, doctor.

.....

- 7 Tony often plays golf at the weekends.

.....

- 8 His friends visit him most evenings.

.....

**14c** Write the questions in the present simple.

- 1 Where / you / work?

*Where do you work?*

- 2 What / she / do?

*What does she do?*

- 3 Where / he / live?

.....

- 4 What music / your husband / like?

.....

- 5 When / she / do her homework?

.....

- 6 Why / we / learn Latin?

.....

- 7 Who / she / teach?

.....

- 8 How / I / turn on the television?

.....

## 15 Present Simple tense: negatives

### FORM

I			She		
You	do not	like ...	He	does not	like ...
We	(don't)		It	(doesn't)	
They					

- Negative form: Subject + **do not, does not** + infinitive.

**Note:** There is no *s* at the end of the verb in the negative:

*She likes ... but She doesn't like ..., NOT ~~She doesn't likes.~~*

### Practice

**15** Change these sentences from the positive to the negative.

- 1 She works very hard.

*She doesn't work very hard.*

- 2 It usually snows here in the winter.

.....

- 3 I like a big breakfast every morning.

.....

- 4 The film starts very early.

.....

- 5 He swims every morning.

.....

- 6 They always open the windows at night.

.....

- 7 We often see our neighbours in the garden.

.....

- 8 Chris goes on holiday every year.

.....

- 9 You drive very fast.

.....

- 10 These young children learn very quickly.

.....



## 16 Present Simple tense

### Check

**16a** Complete the boxes. Use the verb **work**.

*Positive*

I You ..... They	work.
She He It	.....

*Negative*

..... You We They	.....
She He .....	.....

*Question*

Do	I you ..... they	.....?
.....	he .....	.....?

*Short answers*

Yes, No,	I you ..... they	..... .....
Yes, No,	..... he I	..... .....

**16b** Complete the conversation, putting the verbs into the present simple.

A: Hello. Nice to see you. <sup>1</sup> *Do* you *work* (work) here?

B: Yes, I do. I'm the head waiter.

A: Oh good. And <sup>2</sup>..... you ..... (like) it?

B: Oh yes, I <sup>3</sup>..... (love) it here. It's an excellent restaurant.

The chef <sup>4</sup>..... (cook) wonderful food and the waiters all  
<sup>5</sup>..... (work) very hard. The only problem is that I  
<sup>6</sup>..... (not/go out) in the evenings any more because I'm  
 always busy here.

A: Ah, that's why we <sup>7</sup>..... (not/see) you now at the club.

B: That's right. I only <sup>8</sup>..... (have) one evening free and I  
 usually <sup>9</sup>..... (stay) at home then. <sup>10</sup>..... Maria  
 ..... (go) to the club now?

A: Oh yes, she does. She <sup>11</sup>..... (talk) about you sometimes.

<sup>12</sup>..... you (see) her?

B: No, I don't. I'm always busy and she <sup>13</sup>..... (not/know)  
about this new job. I <sup>14</sup>..... (telephone) her sometimes but  
she's always out.

A: Well, she <sup>15</sup>..... (go out) quite often. But I  
<sup>16</sup>..... (know) she <sup>17</sup>..... (want) to see  
you again.

B: Look at the door! It's Maria. She's coming in here.



## ANSWERS

Key

5 'Have you got your French phrase book?' 'Yes, I have.'

6 'Have you got your passport?' 'Yes, I have.'

7 'Have you got your address book?' 'No, I haven't.'

8 'Have you got your ticket?' 'Yes, I have.'

9 'Have you got your French francs?' 'Yes, I have.'

10 'Have you got your sunglasses?' 'No, I haven't.'

- 12d** 1 Has ... got ... hasn't  
2 Have ... got ... have  
3 Have ... got ... have  
4 Has ... got ... hasn't  
5 Has ... got ... hasn't  
6 Have ... got ... have  
7 Have ... got ... have  
8 Has ... got ... has  
9 Have ... got ... haven't  
10 Have ... got ... have

- 13a** 1 ask 2 love 3 forget 4 listens 5 drink  
6 drive 7 come 8 learn 9 opens 10 give  
11 fights 12 help 13 like 14 understand  
15 start

- 13b** 1 goes 2 fly 3 studies 4 watches, 5 cry  
6 does 7 washes 8 teach 9 carries  
10 pushes

- 13c** 1 She always listens ... 2 He takes ...  
3 She usually buys ... 4 She teaches ...  
5 He walks ... 6 She never washes ...  
7 He opens ... 8 He occasionally writes ...  
9 He drinks ... 10 She watches ...

- 13d** Sarah Jones comes from Britain. She lives in London. She works in a bank. She often plays tennis and works in the garden. She speaks French and a little Spanish.

Deniz Ulgen comes from Turkey. She lives in Ankara. She works in a hotel. She often plays chess and goes to concerts. She speaks English and German.

Pierre Moulin comes from France. He lives in Paris. He works in a shop/manages a

shop. He often paints and listens to music. He speaks some English and a little Italian.

Maria Protopapas comes from Greece. She lives in Athens. She works/teaches in a school. She often goes for long walks and plays volleyball. She speaks fluent English and some Arabic.

- 14a** 1 Does ... does 2 Do ... don't 3 Do ... do  
4 Do ... don't 5 Do ... do 6 Does ... doesn't  
7 Does ... does 8 Do ... don't  
9 Do ... don't 10 Does ... does

- 14b** 1 Does the shop close at 5 o'clock?  
2 Do they go swimming every weekend?  
3 Does she speak English well?  
4 Does it rain a lot here in winter?  
5 Do you drink a lot of tea? 6 Do I eat too much, doctor?  
7 Does Tony often play golf at the weekends?  
8 Do his friends visit him in hospital most evenings?

- 14c** 1 Where do you work?  
2 What does she do?  
3 Where does he live?  
4 What music does your husband like?  
5 When does she do her homework?  
6 Why do we learn Latin?  
7 Who does she teach?  
8 How do I turn on the television?

- 15** 1 She doesn't work ...  
2 It doesn't usually snow ...  
3 I don't like ...  
4 The film doesn't start ...  
5 He doesn't swim ...  
6 They don't always open ...  
7 We don't often see ...  
8 Chris doesn't go ...  
9 You don't drive ...  
10 These young children don't learn ...

# ANSWERS

## 16a Positive

I	
You	
We	work.
They	
She	
He	works
It	

## Negative

I	
You	do not work.
We	(don't)
They	
She	
He	does not work.
It	(doesn't)

## Question

Do	I	work?
	you	
	we	
	they	
Does	she	work?
	he	
	it	

## Short answers

Yes,	I	do.
No,	you	don't.
	we	
	they	
Yes,	she	does.
No,	he	doesn't.
	it	

- 16b** 1 Do ... work 2 do ... like 3 love 4 cooks  
5 work 6 don't go out 7 don't see  
8 have 9 stay 10 Does ... go 11 talks  
12 Do ... see 13 doesn't know  
14 telephone 15 goes out 16 know  
17 wants

- 17a** 1 was 2 were 3 were 4 was 5 were  
6 was 7 was 8 was 9 were 10 was  
11 were 12 was 13 was 14 was 15 were  
16 were

- 17b** 1 was 2 was 3 was 4 were 5 were  
6 were 7 was 8 were 9 were 10 were  
11 were 12 was 13 were 14 was 15 was  
16 were

- 17c** 1 'Was the weather nice?' 'Yes, it was a beautiful day.'  
2 'Where were James and Wendy?' 'They were on the beach.'  
3 'Where were their children?' 'They were in the sea.'  
4 'Were there other children in the sea?' 'Yes, there were.'  
5 'Were James and Wendy in the sea?' 'No, they weren't.'  
6 'Was James awake?' 'No, he wasn't.'  
7 'What was on James' face?' 'There was a book on his face.'  
8 'Was it sunny all

day?' 'No, it wasn't.'

9 'Were the holidaymakers wet in the end?' 'Yes, they were.'

10 'Where was this beach?' 'It was in Britain.'

- 17d** 1 'Were the underground trains fast?' 'Yes, they were.' / 'No, they weren't.'  
2 'Was the weather warm?' 'No, it wasn't.' / 'Yes, it was.'  
3 'Were the streets clean?' 'No, they weren't.' / 'Yes, they were.'  
4 'Were the people friendly?' 'No, they weren't.' / 'Yes, they were.'  
5 'Were the parks beautiful?' 'Yes, they were.' / 'No, they weren't.'  
6 'Was the airport busy?' 'Yes, it was.' / 'No, it wasn't.'  
7 'Were the museums interesting?' 'Yes, they were.' / 'No, they weren't.'  
8 'Were the shops expensive?' 'No, they weren't.' / 'Yes, they were.'  
9 'Was the hotel comfortable?' 'Yes, it was.' / 'No, it wasn't.'  
10 'Was the food good?' 'No, it wasn't' / 'Yes, it was.'

- 18a**
- |        |          |
|--------|----------|
| stay   | stayed   |
| rain   | rained   |
| help   | helped   |
| carry  | carried  |
| want   | wanted   |
| play   | played   |
| walk   | walked   |
| study  | studied  |
| cry    | cried    |
| work   | worked   |
| listen | listened |
| love   | loved    |
| wash   | washed   |
| stop   | stopped  |
| ask    | asked    |
| look   | looked   |
| open   | opened   |
| start  | started  |
| live   | lived    |
| watch  | watched  |
| like   | liked    |

# Verbs

## 40 *She is eating:* Present Continuous tense: positive

### FORM

I	am	→	I'm	working.
She	is	→	She's	
He			He's	
It			It's	
We	are	→	We're	
You			You're	
They			They're	

- Verb **to be** (*am, is, are*) + verb + **ing**

### USE

- To talk about something happening now.
- Use the present continuous to talk about activities in the present.  
Do not use it with these verbs: *like, love, hate, want, know, understand, forget, agree*. These verbs are not activities. Use the present simple with these verbs.

### Note:

sit	→	sitting	come	→	coming
get	→	getting	live	→	living
plan	→	planning	make	→	making
run	→	running	die	→	dying
stop	→	stopping	lie	→	lying

- See Appendix 2 on spelling rules.

## Practice

**40** Write the sentences with the verbs in the present continuous.

- John and I *..are staying..* in a beautiful hotel. (stay)
- Annie and Joe *..are making..* a cake for tea. (make)
- Spencer ..... at home today. (work)
- I ..... for a letter from my parents. (wait)
- You ..... too fast. (walk)
- We ..... our next holiday. (plan)
- The girls ..... their grandmother today. (visit)
- She ..... in her bedroom at the moment. (read)
- I ..... to listen to the radio but it's very noisy in here. (try)
- The sun ..... beautifully today. (shine)

- 11 The baby ..... to walk now. (learn)  
 12 Greg's in the kitchen. He ..... the dinner. (cook)  
 13 I ..... a bit miserable today. (feel)  
 14 You ..... too hard for this exam. (study)  
 15 'Where's Anne?' 'She ..... a shower.' (have)

## 41 Present Continuous tense: questions

Am	I	working?
Is	she he it	
Are	you we they	

- Verb **to be** in question form + verb + **ing**.

### Short answers

Yes,	I	am.	No,	I	'm not.
	she he it	is.		she he it	isn't.
	you we they	are.		you we they	aren't.

## Practice

- 41a** Complete the questions and answers, adding **am**, **is**, **are** to the questions and **am**, **is**, **are**, or **'m not**, **isn't**, **aren't** to the short answers.

- '*Is*... it raining outside?' 'No, it *isn't*.'
- '*Are*... the children playing outside?' 'Yes, they *are*.'
- '..... you doing your homework now?' 'Yes, I ..... '
- '..... I hurting you?' 'No, you ..... '
- '..... she waving to us?' 'Yes, she ..... '
- '..... we stopping here?' 'Yes, we ..... '
- '..... your neighbours moving out?' 'No, they ..... '
- '..... he helping you with your homework?' 'Yes, he ..... '
- '..... you looking at that boat?' 'Yes, I ..... '
- '..... they planning a party?' 'No, they ..... '

**41b** Write the questions using the present continuous.

1 What / she / do?

*What's she doing?*

2 You / learn / French at school?

*Are you learning French at school?*

3 What book / you / read?

.....

4 What / we / watch?

.....

5 I / speak / clearly?

.....

6 Why / we / sit in the dark?

.....

7 Where / they / stay?

.....

8 It / snow?

.....

9 Why / he / run so fast?

.....

10 What / you / sell?

.....

11 Why / he / shout?

.....

12 Where / they / wait?

.....

13 Why / she / laugh?

.....

14 They / dance together?

.....

15 The plane / land now?

.....

## 42 Present Continuous tense: negatives

She He It	isn't	working.
You We They	aren't	

I	am	→	I'm	not working.
She He It	is	→	She's He's It's	
You We They	are	→	You're We're They're	

- Contractions:

There are two ways of contracting a negative sentence in the present continuous:

*She is not working* can become:

(a) *She **isn't** working.* or

(b) *She's **not** working.*

Both are correct. The negative in (b) is a bit stronger than the negative in (a).

### Practice

**40** In your notebook, write the sentences in the negative, in two ways where possible.

1 They're buying a new car.

*They aren't buying a new car.*

*They're not buying a new car.*

2 He's learning to read.

*He isn't learning to read.*

*He's not learning to read.*

3 I'm looking for your keys.

4 We're selling the house.

5 You're working very hard.

6 He's washing the dishes.

7 They're drinking tea.

8 We're having a good time.

9 She's leaving him.

10 I'm going home now.



## 43 Present Continuous tense

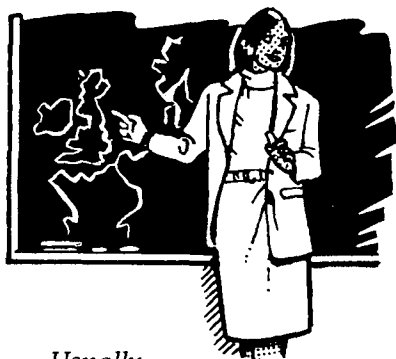
### Check

- 43 Complete the conversation, putting the verbs into the present continuous and completing the short answers with **am, is, are (not)**.



- A: So what <sup>1</sup> *'s happening*.. (happen)? <sup>2</sup> *Are they having*.. (they/have) a party?  
 B: Yes, they <sup>3</sup> *are*..  
 A: And what <sup>4</sup>..... (they/do)?  
 B: Well, a few of them <sup>5</sup>..... (dance).  
 A: <sup>6</sup>..... (Mum and Dad/dance)?  
 B: Yes, Mum <sup>7</sup>..... but Dad <sup>8</sup>..... He <sup>9</sup>.....  
 (talk) to Uncle Jack and they <sup>10</sup>..... (laugh) a lot.  
 A: Is Auntie Linda there?  
 B: Yes, she <sup>11</sup>..... She <sup>12</sup>..... (dance) with  
 Brian from next door. Oh, and Dad <sup>13</sup>..... (give)  
 everyone a drink now.  
 A: What <sup>14</sup>..... (they/drink)?  
 B: Coffee, I think. And some of them <sup>15</sup>..... (drink)  
 juice. Mum <sup>16</sup>..... (not/drink) anything.  
 A: <sup>17</sup>..... (they/eat)?  
 B: Only crisps and nuts and some cheese.  
 A: And we <sup>18</sup>..... (not/eat) anything. It's not fair!  
 B: But they think we <sup>19</sup>..... (sleep) upstairs.  
 A: Oh no, they don't. They <sup>20</sup>..... (look) this way.  
 I think Dad <sup>21</sup>..... (come) over here.

## 44 Present Continuous and Present Simple tenses: contrast



*Usually*



*Now*

Liz lives in London and teaches at a secondary school. At the moment, she's on holiday in Scotland. She's walking in the mountains and sleeping in a tent.



*Usually*



*Now*

Jeff lives in Cambridge and works as a taxi driver. It's Sunday now and he isn't working. He's playing with his children in the garden.

- Present continuous:

- To talk about something happening now. Use it with activity verbs:

*Liz **is walking** in the mountains. She **isn't teaching**.*

*Jeff **is playing** with his children. He **isn't driving** a taxi.*

- To talk about something that is happening for a short period of time.

*Liz **is sleeping** in a tent this week.*

*We come from Scotland but we're **staying** here in London for the summer.*

- Present simple:

- See Stage 1, exercise 13 on the present simple.

- To give facts, information about people and things.

- To talk about things that are generally true or that happen again and again:

*Liz **lives** in London.*

*She **teaches** at a secondary school.*

*Jeff **lives** in Cambridge.*

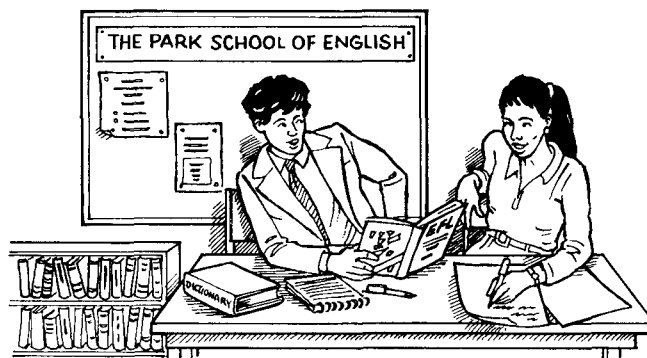
*He **works** as a taxi driver.*

## Practice

**44a** Complete the sentences, putting the verbs into the present continuous or present simple and completing the short answers.

- 1 Tim *..lives..* (live) in Manchester but he *..'s spending..* (spend) this month in Wales.
- 2 A: *..Are you working..* (you/work) today?  
B: No, I *..'m not..* I usually *..work..* (work) on Fridays but I've got the day off.
- 3 A: What ..... (Josephine/do)?  
B: She ..... (be) a teacher but she  
..... (not/teach) at the moment. She  
..... (look) for a job.
- 4 A: Can I have that paper or ..... (you/read) it?  
B: No, I ..... (not/read) it. I never .....  
(read) that paper. I ..... (prefer) the Daily News.
- 5 A: ..... (this bag/belong) to you?  
B: No, it ....., but I ..... (know)  
Anita ..... (look) for her bag.
- 6 I ..... (not/smoke) but my husband  
..... He ..... (try) to  
stop at the moment but it's not easy.
- 7 ..... (you/remember) my friend Matthew? He  
..... (stay) with me at the moment.
- 8 A: ..... (you/speak) German?  
B: No, I ..... but I .....  
(want) to learn. I ..... (look) for a  
good coursebook.
- 9 Emma and Katie usually ..... (visit) me on  
Saturdays but they ..... (camp) in the New  
Forest this weekend.
- 10 A: ..... (Simon/help) you very much?  
B: No, not usually, but he ..... (help) me today.

**44b** Complete the conversation putting the verbs into the present continuous or present simple.



- A: Where <sup>1</sup> *do you come*. (you/come) from?
- B: Brazil. What about you? Where <sup>2</sup> *do you come*. (you/come) from?
- A: Italy. I'm in London for one month.
- B: Yes, me too.
- A: <sup>3</sup> ..... (you/like) it here in London?
- B: It's very exciting but sometimes the people <sup>4</sup> ..... (not/be) very friendly.
- A: <sup>5</sup> ..... (you/stay) with English people?
- B: Yes. I <sup>6</sup> ..... (stay) with an English family, but I <sup>7</sup> ..... (not/see) them very often. They <sup>8</sup> ..... (be) always busy.
- A: I <sup>9</sup> ..... (stay) in a student hostel. That <sup>10</sup> ..... (be) much better. There are many different nationalities and we all <sup>11</sup> ..... (speak) English together.
- B: Oh, that's good. And <sup>12</sup> ..... (you/study) together in the hostel in the evenings?
- A: Yes, sometimes.
- B: <sup>13</sup> ..... (that/be) your coursebook?
- A: Yes, I <sup>14</sup> ..... (do) my homework.
- B: <sup>15</sup> ..... (your teacher/give) you homework every day?
- A: Almost every day. What <sup>16</sup> ..... (you/do)?
- B: I <sup>17</sup> ..... (write) to my parents. I <sup>18</sup> ..... (write) to them every week.

- 4 I sing loudly.  
 5 She swims fast.  
 6 He acts badly.  
 7 Elizabeth paints beautifully.  
 8 You dance terribly.  
 9 They teach well.  
 10 John listens patiently.

**38d** 1 loud 2 badly 3 patiently 4 angry  
 5 intelligent 6 nicely 7 warm 8 suddenly  
 9 well 10 dangerous

<b>39a</b> happy	<i>happier</i>
difficult	<i>more difficult</i>
clean	<i>cleaner</i>
early	<i>earlier</i>
beautiful	<i>more beautiful</i>
soft	<i>softer</i>
intelligent	<i>more intelligent</i>
dirty	<i>dirtier</i>
good	<i>better</i>
careful	<i>more careful</i>
cheap	<i>cheaper</i>
strong	<i>stronger</i>
interesting	<i>more interesting</i>
hot	<i>hotter</i>
warm	<i>warmer</i>
expensive	<i>more expensive</i>
fresh	<i>fresher</i>
kind	<i>kinder</i>
boring	<i>more boring</i>
cold	<i>colder</i>
honest	<i>more honest</i>
busy	<i>busier</i>
young	<i>younger</i>
near	<i>nearer</i>
funny	<i>funnier</i>
easy	<i>easier</i>
bad	<i>worse</i>
late	<i>later</i>
dangerous	<i>more dangerous</i>
weak	<i>weaker</i>

**39b** 1 younger than 2 warmer ... than  
 3 fresher than 4 more expensive than  
 5 funnier than 6 better ... than 7 nearer  
 than 8 noisier than 9 busier ... than  
 10 more careless than 11 more difficult

than 12 kinder than 13 richer than  
 14 more intelligent ... than 15 more  
 interesting than

**39c** 1 The Grand Hotel is more beautiful than the Sea View Hotel.  
 2 The Grand Hotel is more central than the Sea View Hotel.  
 3 The Grand Hotel is bigger than the Sea View Hotel.  
 4 The Grand Hotel is cleaner than the Sea View Hotel.  
 5 The Grand Hotel is more comfortable than the Sea View Hotel.  
 6 The Grand Hotel is warmer than the Sea View Hotel.  
 7 The Grand Hotel is noisier than the Sea View Hotel.  
 8 The Grand Hotel is more expensive than the Sea View Hotel.  
 9 The Sea View Hotel is smaller than the Grand Hotel.  
 10 The views from the Sea View Hotel are lovelier than the views from the Grand Hotel.  
 11 The Sea View Hotel is more peaceful than the Grand Hotel.  
 12 The Sea View Hotel is colder than the Grand Hotel.  
 13 The staff in the Sea View Hotel are friendlier than the staff in the Grand Hotel.  
 14 The Sea View Hotel is cheaper than the Grand Hotel.

**40** 1 are staying 2 are making 3 is working  
 4 am waiting 5 are walking 6 are  
 planning 7 are visiting 8 is reading 9 am  
 trying 10 is shining 11 is learning 12 is  
 cooking 13 am feeling 14 are studying  
 15 is having

**41a** 1 Is ... isn't 2 Are ... are 3 Are ... am  
 4 Am ... aren't 5 Is ... is 6 Are ... are  
 7 Are ... aren't 8 Is ... is 9 Are ... am  
 10 Are ... aren't

**41b** 1 What's she doing?  
 2 Are you learning French at school?

## ANSWERS

3 What book are you reading? What are we watching?

5 Am I speaking clearly?

6 Why are we sitting in the dark?

7 Where are they staying?

8 Is it snowing?

9 Why is he running so fast?

10 What are you selling?

11 Why is he shouting?

12 Where are they waiting?

13 Why is she laughing?

14 Are they dancing together?

15 Is the plane landing now?

**42** 1 They aren't / They're not buying a new car.

2 He isn't / He's not learning to read.

3 I'm not looking for your keys.

4 We aren't / We're not selling the house.

5 You aren't . You're not working very hard.

6 He isn't / He's not washing the dishes.

7 They aren't / They're not drinking tea.

8 We aren't / We're not having a good time.

9 She isn't / She's not leaving him.

10 I'm not going home now.

**43** 1 's happening 2 Are they having 3 are 4 are they doing 5 are dancing 6 Are Mum and Dad dancing 7 is 8 isn't 9 's talking 10 are laughing 11 is 12 's dancing 13 's giving 14 are they drinking 15 are drinking 16 isn't drinking 17 Are they eating 18 aren't eating / 're not eating 19 're sleeping 20 're looking 21 's coming

**44a** 1 lives ...'s spending  
2 Are you working ... 'm not ... work  
3 does Josephine do ... 's ... isn't teaching ... 's looking  
4 are you reading ... 'm not reading ... read ... prefer  
5 Does this bag belong ... doesn't ... know ... 's looking  
6 don't smoke ... does ... 's trying

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7 Do you remember ... 's staying

8 Do you speak ... don't ... want ... 'm looking

9 visit ... 're camping

10 Does Simon help ... 's helping

**44b** 1 do you come 2 do you come 3 Do you like 4 aren't 5 Are you staying 6 'm staying 7 don't see 8 're 9 'm staying 10 's 11 speak 12 do you study 13 Is that 14 'm doing 15 Does your teacher give 16 are you doing 17 'm writing 18 write

**45a** 1 Present 2 Future 3 Present 4 Future 5 Future 6 Present 7 Present 8 Future 9 Future 10 Present

**45b** 1 Are you meeting 2 'm not coming 3 Are you going 4 's visiting 5 'm making 6 Are they leaving 7 're flying 8 Are you staying 9 're taking 10 'm not having 11 'm finishing 12 Are they moving 13 aren't going / 're not going 14 's catching 15 aren't coming / 're not coming

**45c** A: What are you doing on Monday night?  
B: I'm going to the cinema.  
A: Who are you going with?  
B: I'm going with Liz.  
A: What time are you meeting her?  
B: At 8 o'clock.  
A: And what about Wednesday? Are you going out?  
B: Yes, I am. I'm going to a Greek restaurant.  
A: Are you staying at home on Tuesday?  
B: Yes, I am.  
A: And Thursday?  
B: I'm meeting James at the station.  
A: What time is he arriving?  
B: At 7.30.  
A: Is he staying for the weekend?  
B: Yes, he is.

**46a** 1 'm going to stay 2 're going to do 3 'm going to read 4 'm going to lie 5 're going to travel 6 'm going to cycle 7 'm going to play 8 're going to teach 9 'm going to swim 10 'm going to walk