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LANGUAGE FOCUS • Present continuous: questions

• Present simple and present continuous

I can write about what is happening now, and what happens regularly.

Present continuous: questions

1 Match questions 1–4 with answers a–d. Then choose the correct words in rules 1–2.

- 1 Are the boys watching TV?
- 2 What are they chatting about?
- 3 Is Becky answering questions?
- 4 What's she doing with her mum?
- a. She's cooking.
- b. Yes, she is.
- c. They're chatting about sport.
- d. No, they aren't.

RULES

- 1 In the present continuous we make questions using the verb **be / do / have**.
- 2 We make short answers with a pronoun, like *I*, *we*, etc., and the verb **be / do / have**.

2 1.21 PRONUNCIATION Diphthongs

Listen. Choose the words whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others.

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| 1 <u>br</u> ea <u>k</u> | <u>st</u> ea <u>k</u> | <u>gr</u> ea <u>t</u> | <u>pe</u> a <u>r</u> |
| 2 <u>so</u> u <u>nd</u> | <u>sh</u> o <u>u</u> t | <u>gr</u> o <u>u</u> nd | <u>sh</u> o <u>u</u> ld <u>e</u> r |
| 3 <u>be</u> a <u>r</u> | <u>cl</u> ea <u>r</u> | <u>he</u> a <u>r</u> | <u>ne</u> a <u>r</u> |
| 4 <u>ch</u> o <u>i</u> r | <u>ch</u> o <u>i</u> ce | <u>no</u> i <u>s</u> e | <u>oi</u> l |
| 5 <u>h</u> a <u>i</u> r | <u>fa</u> il | <u>la</u> ir | <u>fa</u> ir |

3 Order the words to make questions. Then ask and answer the questions with your partner.

- 1 you / are / listening to / your teacher / ?
- 2 your teacher / what / doing / is / ?
- 3 speaking / the person next to you / is / ?
- 4 are / you / near a window / sitting / ?
- 5 are / talking a lot / the people in your class / ?
- 6 what / thinking / are / you / ?

4 Read the examples and then complete the Rules.

I often listen to music on my phone.

I'm listening to a great song at the moment.

RULES

- 1 We use the present for actions in progress.
- 2 We use the present for routines or repeated actions.

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5 Complete the interview with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs.

ANIMAL COMMUNICATION



Dr Wenger, what's your job exactly? What do you do?

I study animal communication.

And what ¹ (you / study) at the moment?

At the moment I ² (work) with scientists in Miami. We

³ (study) dolphins.

Yes, these photos are interesting. What

⁴ (you / do) in this photo?

We ⁵ (listen) to the

sounds of the dolphins. They usually

⁶ (make) different sounds when they are happy and when they're sad.

The second photo is great.

⁷ (they play)?

Yes, they often ⁸ (play).

It's another type of communication.

Very interesting. Thanks, Dr Wenger.



6 USE IT! Write present simple and present continuous questions using the words in the box and your own ideas. Then ask and answer the questions with your partner.

are does phone what you
your sister call get bad reception
hang up how often talk to
the wrong number when where who
why your brother your parents

Finished?

Write questions about people in your class.