

4 LANGUAGE FOCUS • Present continuous: questions

• Present continuous and present simple

I can ask people about their routines and what they're doing now.

Present continuous: questions

1 Look at the sentences. What are the *he / she* and *they* forms of each question and answer?

- Are you learning English? Yes, I am.
- What are you doing now? I'm watching TV.
- Are you learning the same language?
No, we aren't.

2 Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions with words from the columns and the verbs in the box. Use the present continuous.

do work study sit wear look at

What		the teacher	
Where	is	your friend	...?
Why	are	you	
Who		your parents	

Where are you sitting?

I'm sitting in the classroom.

Present continuous and present simple

3 Complete the table with sentences 3–6. Which time expressions do we use with a) the present simple, and b) the present continuous?

- We sometimes do projects.
- We're doing a project today.
- I usually check new words.
- I'm checking a new word at the moment.
- They always wear uniforms.
- They're wearing their uniforms now.

Present simple: Routines or repeated actions

We sometimes do projects.

...

Present continuous: Actions happening now

We're doing a project today.

...

4 Look at the photos and complete the sentences. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

Charlotte is a music student. She

- (practise) every day, but at the moment she
- (relax).



Pat is a footballer. He

- (play) football five days a week, but today he
- (play) basketball.



Melanie ⁵..... (chat) in Spanish with a tourist now, but she usually ⁶..... (speak) English.



5 USE IT! Work in groups. Imagine that one of you is a lottery winner. Ask and answer questions about *now* and *usually*. Use the present simple and the present continuous forms of the verbs in the box.

listen to wear read sit speak
watch think about

What do you usually wear?

I usually wear ...

What are you wearing now?

I'm wearing ...

Finished?

Find three more photos from this book. Write questions and answers about them using the present continuous.