

Present tense contrast

I can use different tenses to talk about the present and future.

1 Circle the correct tense.

- 1 'What **do you do** / **are you doing** tonight?' 'I **stay** / **I'm staying** at home.'
- 2 Can you text me when you **get** / **'re getting** home?
- 3 The sun **rises** / **is rising** in the east and **sets** / **is setting** in the west.
- 4 Why **do you laugh** / **are you laughing**? It isn't funny!
- 5 My dad **leaves** / **is leaving** home every day at eight o'clock.
- 6 My sister **always borrows** / **is always borrowing** my clothes. It's really annoying!
- 7 What time **does your train arrive** / **is your train arriving**?

2 Match sentences 1–7 in exercise 1 with the uses of tenses a–g below.

Present simple

- a for habits and routines ☐
- b for a permanent situation or fact ☐
- c for timetables and schedules ☐
- d in future time clauses (starting with *when, as soon as, after, if, etc.*) ☐

Present continuous

- e for something happening now or about now ☐
- f for describing annoying behaviour (with *always*) ☐
- g for future arrangements ☐

3 Complete the dialogue with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



- Martin** Hurry up! The film ¹ _____ (start) in ten minutes.
- Hannah** I ² _____ (look for) my phone.
³ _____ you _____ (know) where it is?
- Martin** No. Why ⁴ _____ you always _____ (lose) things? It's so annoying!
- Hannah** I usually ⁵ _____ (keep) it on my bedside table, but it isn't there.
- Martin** ⁶ _____ you _____ (remember) when you last used it?
- Hannah** No – that's the problem.
- Martin** You ⁷ _____ (not need) your phone at the cinema. Look for it when we ⁸ _____ (get back).
- Hannah** I won't have time when we get back.
 I ⁹ _____ (go) straight out again ... It's OK.
 Here it is! It was in my pocket!

4 Some of the sentences are incorrect. Rewrite them correctly. Tick the correct sentences.

- 1 Mel is belonging to the drama club. ☐
- 2 Do you prefer beach holidays or adventure holidays? ☐
- 3 Call me as soon as you're arriving. ☐
- 4 Jack is hating spaghetti. ☐
- 5 Why are you always interrupting? ☐
- 6 I'm not understanding this maths calculation. ☐

5 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the same verb in each pair of sentences. Use the present simple and present continuous.

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- 1 a That food _____ delicious!
 b What _____ you _____ at?
- 2 a What _____ you _____ about?
 b Who _____ you _____ will win the match?
- 3 a 'Where's Tom?' 'He _____ a shower.'
 b Dogs _____ a good sense of smell.

6 Complete the questions with the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or present continuous. Then write true answers, in complete sentences.

- 1 Where _____ you usually _____ on Saturday mornings? (go)

- 2 What _____ you usually _____ on Saturday mornings? (do)

- 3 What time _____ school _____ and _____ ? (start / finish)

- 4 What _____ your parents _____ now? (do)
