

IB Contrast: present simple and continuous

1 Complete the sentences with the present simple affirmative form of the verbs below. ➔ I.1, I.2

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- My aunt _____ in Scotland.
- Carl _____ his grandparents every weekend.
- Audrey _____ TV in her bedroom every evening.
- My mum's a scientist: she _____ climate change.
- Brooklyn _____ the piano really well.
- My cousin _____ to school in Switzerland.
- Now that she's at secondary school, she _____ her old teachers from primary school.
- Grace _____ double maths every Tuesday.

2 Make the sentences negative. ➔ I.1

- Sophie has a guitar lesson every Saturday.
Sophie doesn't have a guitar lesson every Saturday.
- My cat likes cheese.
- Jack and Ellie live near the city centre.
- Maya goes bowling every weekend.
- My next-door neighbours work in London.
- Amelia wears sports clothes at home.



3 Look at the picture and correct the sentences. Use the verbs in brackets. ➔ I.3, I.4

- The woman in a dress is cooking. (eat)
She isn't cooking. She's eating.
- The old man is reading. (sleep)
- The two girls are skateboarding. (read)
- The dog is drinking water. (play)
- The man with the hat is washing. (cook)
- The two boys are playing volleyball. (chat)

4 Circle the correct tense. ➔ I.5, I.6, I.7

- Cats **sleep** / **are sleeping** for about sixteen hours a day.
- Mason **walks** / **is walking** to school every day.
- Jack and Emily **don't belong** / **aren't belonging** to our sports club.
- Don't forget your scarf – **it snows** / **it's snowing**.
- I meet** / **I'm meeting** Paul for a coffee this afternoon.
- Why **do you wear** / **are you wearing** shorts? It's cold today!
- He's laughing, but he **doesn't understand** / **isn't understanding** the joke.
- Let's continue with the game. **I have** / **I'm having** fun!

5 Complete the dialogue. Use the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

➔ I.5, I.6, I.7

- Ryan Hi, Ava. What ¹ _____ (you / do)?
- Ava I ² _____ (look) for a present for Laura.
I ³ _____ (go) to her party tomorrow night.
- Ryan Me too. But I ⁴ _____ usually _____ (not buy) her a birthday present.
- Ava I ⁵ _____ (want) to get her something.
⁶ _____ (she / like) DVDs?
- Ryan She ⁷ _____ (prefer) books, I think. She ⁸ _____ (read) the *Twilight* novels at the moment. Maybe she would like a new one.
- Ava Great idea. Thanks!

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6 Complete the sentences with *a* / *an*, *the* or no article.

➔ I.8, I.9, I.10, I.11

- There's ___ zoo and ___ wildlife park near my home, but ___ wildlife park isn't open in the winter.
- Don't use ___ DVD player, it's broken.
- Can you pass me my sunglasses, please? They're on ___ table.
- I've got ___ computer and ___ laptop, but I have to share ___ laptop with my brother.
- My sister is at ___ home. She's playing ___ guitar.
- My dad is ___ teacher and my mum is ___ doctor.
- There's ___ CD player in my room so I can lie in ___ bed and listen to ___ music.
- Do you want to go to ___ cinema this evening, or watch ___ TV at ___ home?

7 Complete the sentences with *the* or no article. Remember: we do not use *the* with generalisations. ➔ I.12

- Children need ___ milk for healthy teeth and bones.
- I love the UK, but I don't like ___ weather here.
- On holiday, I prefer to stay in ___ nice hotels.
- I'm not a sports fan, but ___ table tennis is fun.
- It's freezing, but the children are enjoying ___ snow.
- At school, students learn how to use ___ computers.
- I'm not interested in ___ science fiction films.
- These dancers are great but I don't really like ___ music.