

Contrast: present simple and present continuous

I can distinguish the use of the present simple and present continuous.

1 Complete the dialogues with the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A: _____ (you / go) to the gym every day?
B: No, I _____ (not go) every day.
I _____ (go) three times a week.
- 2 A: _____ (Sam / study) at your school?
B: No, he _____ (not study) there. He _____ (study) at a private school.
- 3 A: Does your mother _____ (teach) English?
B: Yes, she does. She also _____ (teach) French and Spanish. She _____ (be) very good at languages.
- 4 A: _____ (your parents / work) in London?
B: No, they don't. They both _____ (work) in Oxford.
- 5 A: _____ (you / practise) much before you perform a new play?
B: Yes, we _____ (practise) for weeks before the first performance, and the director _____ (make) a lot of changes.

2 Complete the voice message with the correct present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Hi Steve! It's Sean. How are things? I hope you are well. ¹ _____ (you / have) a good time in Hull? I ² _____ (call) from my grandparents' house in Cornwall. My sister and I ³ _____ (stay) here for a couple of weeks, and we ⁴ _____ (enjoy) it a lot. I ⁵ _____ (plan) to study for my exams later, but now I ⁶ _____ (relax). I'm not totally lazy, though – I ⁷ _____ (run) every morning. Jake and I ⁸ _____ (think) about spending a month in Spain. Would you like to go with us? Let me know! Well, the sun ⁹ _____ (shine) so I think I'll go for a walk. Bye!

3 Match sentences a–f with the uses of the present tense (1–6).

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| 1 something that happens regularly | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 verbs not used in continuous tenses | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 something happening at this moment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 stating a fact or law | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 something happening around this time | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 a future plan | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- a I am leaving for London at 6 a.m. tomorrow.
b The Earth goes around the sun.
c I always play basketball on Saturdays.
d They are spending a lot of time together these days.
e I need some help with homework.
f Look outside – it's snowing!

4 Complete the sentences with the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Josh _____ at least one point in every game he plays. (score)
- 2 I _____ that they will give Kate a place on the team. (believe)
- 3 Susan _____ to finish her homework today. (try)
- 4 My dad _____ Chinese food tonight. (cook)
- 5 My brother loves books. He _____ a book every week. (read)
- 6 I _____ all of my old *Friends* DVDs this week. (watch)
- 7 Sam _____ before 7 a.m., even on Sundays. (get up)
- 8 Look out of the window. A big storm _____! (come)
- 9 Lisa usually _____ video games when she gets home. (play)
- 10 I _____ what you're saying, but I don't agree with it. (understand)

5 Complete the email with the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

To: lauren@email.com

Hi Lauren

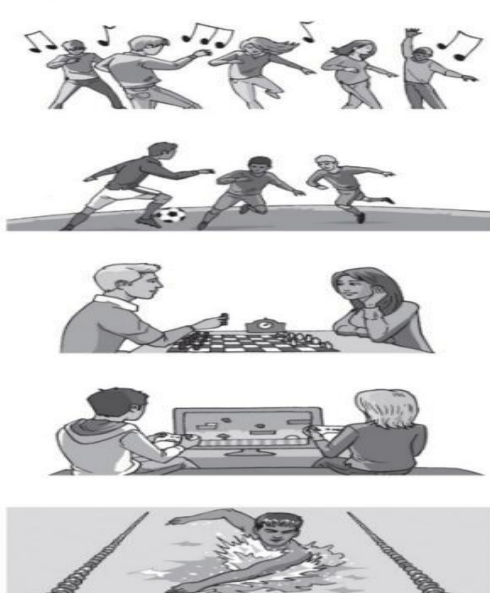
How ¹ _____ (be) everything? I hope you ² _____ (have) a great time at football camp this week. I ³ _____ (enjoy) my summer drama project. Every summer we ⁴ _____ (put on) a play by Shakespeare, and this year we ⁵ _____ (work) on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It's a great play because it ⁶ _____ (have) so many different roles. We ⁷ _____ (practise) about six hours a day and we're performing the play in public next week. I ⁸ _____ (try) very hard to learn my lines. I ⁹ _____ (play) two parts in the play, and sometimes I ¹⁰ _____ (forget) which part I'm playing! Anyway, I ¹¹ _____ (believe) it will be a great performance. My grandparents ¹² _____ (travel) from Leeds next week just to see me in the play. I know you ¹³ _____ (be) very busy at camp, but I ¹⁴ _____ (hope) to hear from you soon.

Take care!

Daisy

1 Look at the pictures and complete the chart with the phrases below. Then complete sentences 1–5 with the information from the chart.

I love I don't like I don't mind I like I can't stand
I hate I'm really keen on



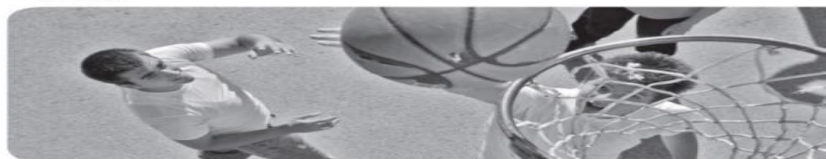
- I can't stand _____.
- I'm really keen on _____.
- _____ chess.
- _____ football.
- _____ video games.

2 Complete the dialogue with the phrases below. More than one answer may be possible.

can't stand hate don't mind quite like really keen love terrible isn't bad is great

Kim So, are you excited about the start of school?
 Dave No, I'm not really excited. I ¹ _____ school, but it's not my favourite thing in the world.
 Kim We're very different. I ² _____ school! I really enjoy learning new things. What subjects do you like?
 Dave I ³ _____ IT, because I'm interested in computers. And there's one subject I really enjoy — drama. I'm ⁴ _____ on drama. I think acting ⁵ _____.
 Kim Really? We're very different that way too. I ⁶ _____ drama. I just get too scared in front of people. What do you think of maths?
 Dave I really don't like it. Actually, I ⁷ _____ maths! I just can't understand it. It's ⁸ _____!
 Kim Different again! I like maths, and I enjoy science a lot too.
 Dave OK, science ⁹ _____. It's actually kind of interesting.
 Kim Well, I'm happy we agree on something ...

3 Read definitions 1–9 and match them with the activities below.



cycling volleyball chess ice hockey board games
 basketball swimming drawing video games

- a game where you bounce a ball and try to throw it through a hoop _____
- making pictures with a pencil or pen _____
- exercising in water _____
- a game with 32 pieces on a board, including a king and queen _____
- games with pieces that you play on a table _____
- games you play on a computer or TV screen _____
- riding a bike _____
- a game you play on ice with a long stick _____
- a game where you hit a ball with your hands over a high net _____