



*Hello!*



# Present

vs



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**(Right)Now**

**At the  
moment**

**Plays**

**My father**

**Is playing**

**The guitar**





**Move**

**We**

**Are  
moving**

**the house**

**Next week.**





**Have**

**Are  
having**

**They**

**The guitar  
class**

**Every week.**















Hi, Adam. I'm in the park with some friends. Do you want to join us?

What are you doing?

At the moment, we're listening to Sue. She's playing the guitar.

Is she good?

She's OK. She's getting better. She has guitar lessons every week. So are you coming?

I don't know. We're moving house next weekend, so I need to help my parents. We're packing boxes today.

That's a shame. We're playing volleyball later.

I love volleyball! Maybe just for an hour ...

Sure. A game of volleyball doesn't take long. See you later! 😊

- 1 Describe the photo. What are the people doing?  
Use the verbs below.

laugh play sit smile wear

The girl on the left is playing the guitar.



2 Read the messages above. Why does Adam change his mind about going to the park?

**LEARN THIS!** Present tense contrast



We use:

- a the <sup>1</sup>present simple for something that happens regularly, always or never.
- b the <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ for something happening at this moment.
- c the <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ for something happening around this time.
- d the <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ for stating a fact.
- e the <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ with certain verbs that we do not usually use in continuous tenses: *believe, know, like, love, need, understand, want*, etc.
- f the <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ for future arrangements.



- 4 Match each example you found in the messages with the correct rule (a–f) in the **Learn this!** box.
- 5 Work in pairs. Explain the difference between sentences a and b in each pair.
- a I'm doing my homework after school.  
b I do my homework after school.
  - a Joe is learning to drive.  
b Many teenagers learn to drive when they are seventeen.
  - a Mark plays the guitar.  
b Mark is playing the guitar.
  - a We aren't going on holiday in August.  
b We don't go on holiday in August.

➡ **Grammar Builder IB** page 122

- 6  **1.03** Complete the phone dialogue. Use the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Then listen and check.

Toby Hi!

Leia Hi, Toby. What <sup>1</sup>are you doing (you / do)?

Toby I'm at the sports centre. I <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for Tom.

Leia <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) swimming?

Toby No, we <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (play) table tennis. We <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (play) every Saturday morning. But he's really late!

Leia What <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (he / do)?

Toby I <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not know). He <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not answer) his phone. Anyway, where are you?

Leia I'm at the shopping centre, but I <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not buy) anything today. I <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ (look).

Toby <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (you / like) table tennis?

## IB Contrast: present simple and continuous

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

go have live miss play study visit watch

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

- 2 Make the sentences negative. ➡ I.1

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





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

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



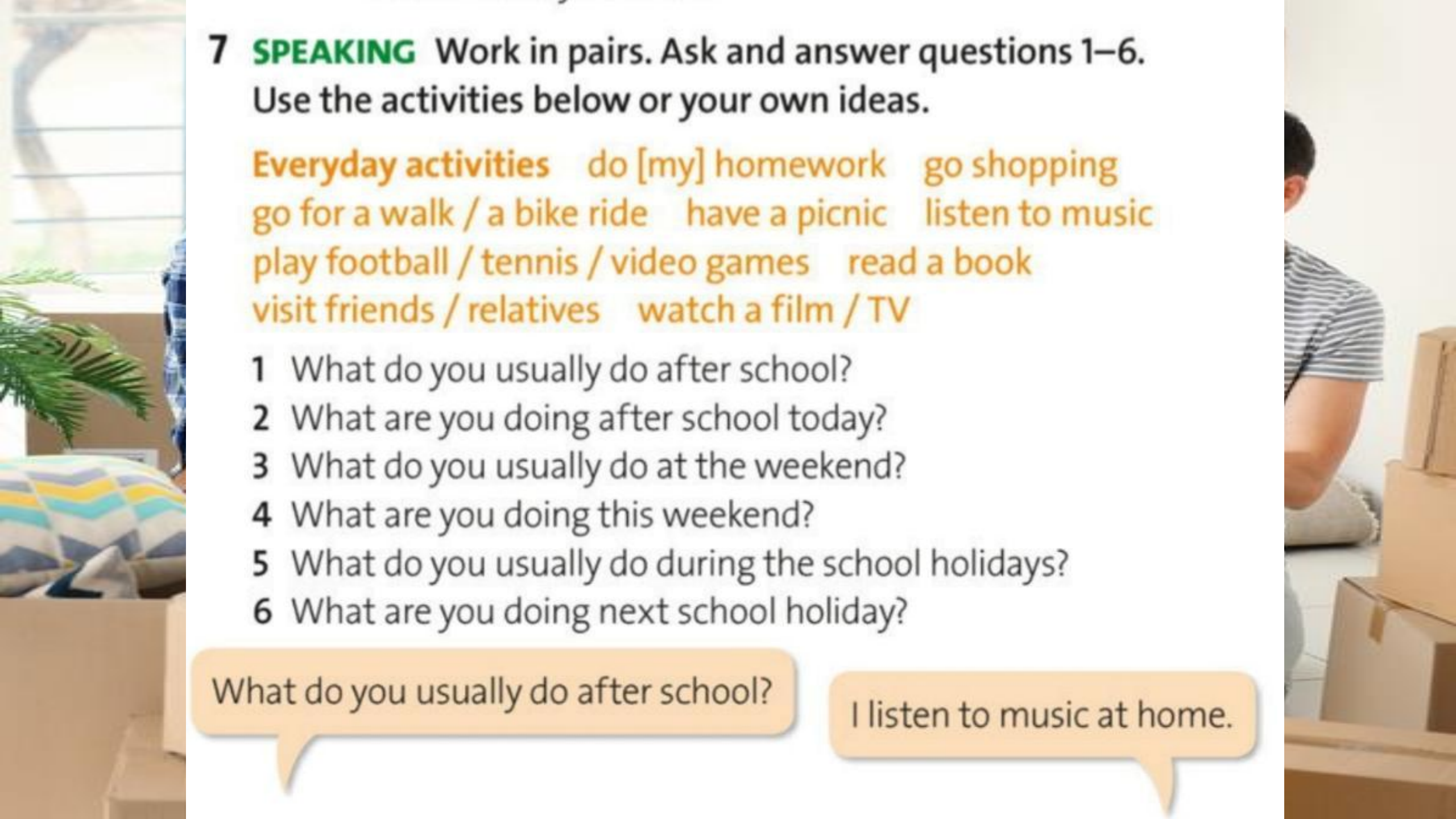
**4 Circle the correct tense. ➡ I.5, I.6, I.7**

- 1 Cats **sleep** / **are sleeping** for about sixteen hours a day.
- 2 Mason **walks** / **is walking** to school every day.
- 3 Jack and Emily **don't belong** / **aren't belonging** to our sports club.
- 4 Don't forget your scarf – **it snows** / **it's snowing**.
- 5 **I meet** / **I'm meeting** Paul for a coffee this afternoon.
- 6 Why **do you wear** / **are you wearing** shorts? It's cold today!
- 7 He's laughing, but he **doesn't understand** / **isn't understanding** the joke.
- 8 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 <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do)?
- Ava I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) for a present for Laura.  
I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to her party tomorrow night.
- Ryan Me too. But I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ usually \_\_\_\_\_  
(not buy) her a birthday present.
- Ava I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to get her something.  
<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (she / like) DVDs?
- Ryan She <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer) books, I think. She  
<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the *Twilight* novels at the moment. Maybe she would like a new one.
- Ava Great idea. Thanks!



**7 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions 1–6.  
Use the activities below or your own ideas.

**Everyday activities** do [my] homework go shopping  
go for a walk / a bike ride have a picnic listen to music  
play football / tennis / video games read a book  
visit friends / relatives watch a film / TV

- 1 What do you usually do after school?
- 2 What are you doing after school today?
- 3 What do you usually do at the weekend?
- 4 What are you doing this weekend?
- 5 What do you usually do during the school holidays?
- 6 What are you doing next school holiday?

What do you usually do after school?

I listen to music at home.