

UNIT 12 PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS

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We use the **present simple** to talk about:

- what we do every day.
I go to school. My dad drives a taxi.
- What we always / often / sometimes / never do.
You always get up late on Sundays. Katie sometimes has dinner at 6 o'clock.

We use the **present continuous** to talk about:

- what we are doing now.
Jess is sleeping. We're studying English.

Practice

1 Choose the correct words.

- 1 It's half past nine, Tommy's at school and he studies / he's studying.
- 2 Every day Jacob gets up / is getting up at 7 o'clock.
- 3 My mum's in the bathroom. She has / is having a shower.
- 4 Our history teacher always gives / is giving us a lot of homework.
- 5 I often play / am playing basketball in the park on Sunday.
- 6 Mrs Weston likes / is liking her job. She's a doctor.
- 7 The children are in class seven this morning. They do / are doing a geography test.
- 8 Marta doesn't speak / isn't speaking Russian very well – she never studies!

2 Write questions in the present simple or continuous using *what / doing?* or *what / do?*

- 0 What does Marco do?
Marco? He works in a café in London. _____ ?
- 1 I can't speak! I'm in the cinema! _____ ?
- 2 Every Wednesday? She goes to drama club. _____ ?
- 3 I'm a teacher. I teach Spanish. _____ ?
- 4 I'm hungry! I'm eating my lunch. _____ ?
- 5 Carla? She's in the shower. _____ ?
- 6 Phillip's a farmer and Julie is a nurse. _____ ?
- 7 Ben? His homework, he's in his room. _____ ?

CAN: REQUESTS AND PERMISSION

Practice

requests	Can I have some milk, please?
	Can you open the window, please?
permission	Can I go out with my friends, Mum?

3 Write *Can I* or *Can you*, and then finish the requests with the words in the box.

a film, please home, please
me in the park me Spanish
me with my homework some soup, please
the table the washing-up, please

- 0 Can you do *the washing-up*, please?
request
- 1 _____ go _____ ?
- 2 _____ clean _____ ?
- 3 _____ meet _____ ?
- 4 _____ watch _____ ?
- 5 _____ have _____ ?
- 6 _____ teach _____ ?
- 7 _____ help _____ ?

4 Write *request* or *permission* next to questions 1–7 in Exercise 3.