

## Present tense contrast

## 1 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 The party starts / 's starting at 8.30 p.m.
- 2 We go / 're going dancing tonight.
- 3 He drives / 's driving an elegant black Mercedes to work every day.
- 4 Listen! Kim sings / 's singing in the shower again!
- 5 They get up / 're getting up early every day.
- 6 You always leave / 're always leaving your dirty socks on the floor!

## 2 Match the uses of the present tenses with the sentences (1-6) in exercise 1.

## Present simple

- a For habits and routines \_\_\_\_\_
- b For a permanent situation or fact \_\_\_\_\_
- c For timetables and schedules \_\_\_\_\_

## Present continuous

- d For something happening now or about now \_\_\_\_\_
- e For describing annoying habits (with *always*) \_\_\_\_\_
- f For arrangements in the future \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

do get go go out have open play snow

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ a project on global warming.
- 2 They \_\_\_\_\_ to school in the town centre.
- 3 The new sports shop \_\_\_\_\_ at 9 a.m. tomorrow.
- 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ lunch really late on Sundays.
- 5 They \_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ loud music.  
I hate it!
- 6 She's \_\_\_\_\_ with her friends tonight.
- 7 He \_\_\_\_\_ home at about 7.30 p.m.
- 8 Look! It \_\_\_\_\_!

## We use the present ...

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ for habits and routines.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ for something happening now or about now.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ for describing annoying behaviour (with *always*).
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ for a permanent situation or fact.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ for arrangements in the future.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ for timetables and schedules (e.g. cinema programmes).

## 4 Complete the rest of the dialogue with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Carol Just a moment. My phone <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (ring). It's Laura! Hi, Laura! ... I'm on the bus. ... We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the new Spielberg film this afternoon. ... Yes, I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) forward to it. Spielberg <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (make) great films.

Louis <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (she / phone) from New York? What <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (she / say)?

Carol Be quiet, Louis! Sorry, Laura. My brother <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (always / interrupt) me when I'm on the phone. It's so annoying!

Louis Sorry.

Carol Yes, I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (often / go) to the cinema with Louis. ... Ha ha!

Louis Why <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / laugh)?

Carol I have to go now, Laura. But the film <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) at five o'clock. Let's speak later.

Complete the sentences with the correct alternatives.

- 1 People often join a club to make new friends.  
a are joining b joins c join  
d aren't joining
- 2 At the moment, I \_\_\_\_\_ lots of new friends.  
a make b 's making c 'm making d makes
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ the supporters club's Internet address?  
a Are ... knowing b Does ... know  
c Can ... know d Do ... know
- 4 He always \_\_\_\_\_ the club's newsletter.  
a writes b is writing c write  
d doesn't write
- 5 The French club \_\_\_\_\_ this week.  
a meets b aren't meeting c isn't meeting  
d doesn't meet
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ the fans \_\_\_\_\_ to the match by train today?  
a Is ... travel b Are ... travelling  
c Do ... travelling d Is ... travelling
- 7 The club's committee members \_\_\_\_\_ a lot at the moment.  
a argue b argues c is arguing  
d are arguing
- 8 This year, the number of club members \_\_\_\_\_ very quickly.  
a is growing b grows c are growing  
d growing
- 9 In Britain, people \_\_\_\_\_ more money to animal charities than to children's charities.  
a are giving b aren't giving c doesn't give  
d give
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ to the Scouts?  
a Is ... belonging b Does ... belong  
c Do ... belong d Do ... belongs
- 11 They \_\_\_\_\_ women in the Carshalton Club.  
a aren't wanting b aren't want  
c doesn't want d don't want

Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The number of people who take part in Internet discussion forums \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) very quickly now.
- 2 She's got a part-time job for the summer – she \_\_\_\_\_ (work) as a waitress.
- 3 My friend Mark is in the Scouts. He \_\_\_\_\_ (often/go) camping at the weekend.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ (never see) Hannah any more – she \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for her exams these days.
- 5 Most of the kids in my class \_\_\_\_\_ (usually/listen) to soul and hip hop.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (you/still/belong) to that Judo club?
- 7 She's not here at the moment – she \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) a friend. Can I take a message?

Use the prompts to write sentences. Use the correct form of the verb, either the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

- 1 she/never/use/the Internet.  
She never uses the Internet.
- 2 I/not support/a political party.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 you/often/drive/to away games?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 she/not do/a lot of work for charity at the moment.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 my book club/not meet/this week.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 he/be/ happier now he/know/more people.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 your brother/study/this weekend?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 more young people/join/the Scouts/ these days?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 every week/she/forget/ the time of the meeting.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 every summer/we/camp/in the mountains.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 11 the club/not have/a website.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- Kay What <sup>1</sup> do you usually do (do) at the weekends?
- Mark I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (belong) to the Scouts and I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) a lot of my weekends camping.
- Kay <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (go) camping every weekend?
- Mark No, not every weekend.
- Kay What about this weekend?
- Mark I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do) exams at the moment so I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) this weekend revising.
- Kay Why <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (belong) to the Scouts?
- Mark I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) watching TV, I <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer) outdoor activities.
- Kay <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the organisation \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) these days?
- Mark Yes, it is. At the moment, I <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (organise) open days to attract new members.