

# PRESENT SIMPLE vs. PRESENT CONTINUOUS

**A. Complete the sentences. Use the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.**

- 1 Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (usually play) football every Sunday.
- 2 She \_\_\_\_\_ (not play) today because she's ill.
- 3 How often \_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) to the cinema?
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film on TV at the moment.
- 5 Mike \_\_\_\_\_ (not often walk) to school.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (he / travel) by bus today?
- 7 What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) tonight?
- 8 What \_\_\_\_\_ (she / usually / do) at the weekends?



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

- Anne** (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / always stay in) on Saturdays?  
**Kath** No, I don't. I usually go out at the weekend. I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema tonight.  
**Anne** Who (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / go with)?  
**Kath** With my boyfriend Greg. He (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (hardly ever / watch) adventure films, but I really (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) them. What about you? (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (your boyfriend / meet) you this evening?  
**Anne** Yes, he is. He (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (come) after work. He (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (usually / finish) at five o'clock.

**C. Complete these sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous:**

Hi, Debbie,

I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) this email from Lloret de Mar. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on holiday here with my family. We \_\_\_\_\_ (come) here every year and I always \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a good time. At the moment my mum and dad \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lunch, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in town alone. I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) some presents and I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) one or two emails. My boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_ (write) to me everyday, but there's a boy here who I like. He \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) near me now. I hope he \_\_\_\_\_ (not understand) this email if he sees it.

Write soon!

Kathy \*\*\*\*

**D. Complete the text. Use the present simple and the present continuous.**

Kevin Roberts also (play) *plays* football for Inverness, the same team as Juan. Kevin (1 come).....from Glasgow. At the moment Kevin and Juan (2 play) .....snooker together. They always (3 speak).....English because Kevin (4 not speak).....a word of Spanish. Kevin (5 have got).....a strong Scottish accent which Juan sometimes (6 not understand).....

**E. Complete the text. Use the present simple or present continuous.**

Alice always (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her friend, Laura on Saturdays. They usually (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) shopping and then they (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a coffee in their favourite café and they (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (chat). Today, Alice (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) late. Laura (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for her in their usual meeting place. She phones Alice on her mobile.

Laura Hi Alice. Where (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you?

Alice I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) on the bus. There (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a lot of traffic. What (10) \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?

Laura I (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (chat) to Gary, the new student in our class. He (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) really friendly!

Alice OK! See you in minute.