Present Simple:

- habits.
- regular and repeated actions,
- facts,
- permanent situations or states;
- scheduled events (timetable).

Present S. is always used with STATE VERBS

STATE VERBS: verbs of **senses** (hear, see, smell, taste, sound), **opinion** (think, believe, consider, doubt, like, love, hate..), **possession** (have, own, belong), others need, mean, want, remember, forget, understand, know...

Present Continuous:

- actions in progress now,
- actions in progress around now (these days, this week..),
- in the middle of the process,
- changes (become, get, change..);
- temporary situations;
- personal arrangement or fixed plans in the near future.

Don't use P.C. with state verbs.

Exercise 1

Which description (1-5) fits each sentence (a-j)?

- **1** A routine or habit
- 2 Something happening now
- 3 An official scheduled or timetabled event
- **4** A future personal arrangement
- 5 Something permanent or always true

- a David goes for a run every day.
- **b** I'm meeting George and Phil at the jazz concert.
- **c** Look! The dog's digging a hole in your garden again.
- d She comes from Barcelona.
- e She's playing tennis with John later.
- f The train leaves at 20.08.
- g We're going out at eight thirty tonight.
- h If you put oil in water, it floats.
- i The film starts at seven exactly so don't be late.
- j Ice melts in hot weather.

Exercise 2

Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or continuous.

- a If I say I love you, I (mean) it!
- **b** Please be quiet. You (make) so much noise I can't concentrate.
- c Sam (play) a lot of football these days. He wants to get fit.
- d The rehearsal (finish) at four so I'll be back at half past.
- e (you / believe) in life after death?
- f They (speak) Spanish and Catalan in Barcelona.
- g What language (she / speak)? I can't understand what she's saying!
- **h** Sid's really clever. He (understand) quantum physics.
- i The sun (set) in the west.
- j What (you / do) later? Do you fancy going out?
- k. I (go) running twice a week.
- I. What TV series (watch) you these days?
- m. He (see) his doctor on Friday.

What is the difference between the pairs of sentences?

- 1. I live in London.
- 2. I'm living in London.
- 3. What do you do?
- 4. What are you doing?
- 5. Do you go to the gym every day?

- 6. Are you going to the gym today?
- 7. I see a lot of people in the street.
- 8. I'm seeing my dentist tomorrow.