

PRESENT SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS - KEY

1 Choose the most suitable tense.

a I'm cooking ; b Do you like; c flows; d Are you waiting; e You are always borrowing!

2 Put each verb in brackets into either the present simple or the present continuous.

a do you do

b are you looking at; Am I wearing?

c are you reading?

d I still have; it is getting better.

e What do the people here do?

f The light from the Sun takes

g I am looking after; do you want?

h Who is Sue dancing with?

i That plant I bought is not growing very much. And I water it every day.

j Which hotel do you stay in whenever you come here?

k This flower smells wonderful.

l I am just tasting the soup to see if it needs more salt.

m She thinks that I would be happier in another job.

n We are thinking of buying a new car.

o They usually have breakfast at home, but today they are having it at work.

p Bob is being rather difficult at the moment.

3 Put each verb in brackets into either the present simple or the present continuous.

Dear Aunt Jean,

I **am just writing** to tell you how much I **appreciate** the money you sent me, and to tell you how I **am getting on** in my first term at university. Actually, I **am really enjoying** myself! I **am studying** quite hard as well, but at the moment I **am spending** a lot of time just making friends. I **am still staying** with my friend Sue, and I **am looking for** somewhere of my own to live. Only a few of the first-year students **live** in college here, and I **seem** to be spending a lot of time travelling backwards and forwards. I **go** to lectures every morning, and most afternoons I **study** in the library. In fact I **am writing** this letter instead of an essay on 'Hamlet'! I **think** I'll buy some new clothes with the money you sent. Everything **costs** a lot here, and I **am saving** to buy a winter coat. It **is getting** really cold here in the evenings. I **know** lots of other students and generally speaking we **have** quite a good time socially! I **am also learning** to drive.

See you soon, Katherine

4 Put each verb in brackets into the most appropriate future time form (use either the present simple or the present continuous).

a I cannot see you on Thursday afternoon. I **am visiting** our Birmingham branch.

b What time **does** your plane **leave**?

c Can you call me at 7:00, because we **are leaving** tomorrow.

d According to this timetable, the bus **arrives** at 6:00.

e I have to finish it now because I **am meeting** Jack in two hours.

f When **does** the concert **starts**? – It **starts** at seven.