

## PRESENT SIMPLE AND PRESENT CONTINUOUS (revision)

### 1 Choose the most suitable tense.

- a I cannot talk now. I cook/I'm cooking the dinner.
- b What shall we have? Do you like/Are you liking fish?
- c The River Po flows/is flowing into the Adriatic Sea.
- d Do you wait/Are you waiting for the bus to Newcastle?
- e You always borrow/You are always borrowing money from me!

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

- a What sort of work (you do) .....
- b What (you look) .....at? (I wear) .....the wrong clothes again?
- c Excuse me, (you read)..... your newspaper? Could I borrow it?
- d I (still have) .....a pain in my leg but it (get) .....better.
- e What (the people here do) ..... in the evenings?
- f The light from the Sun (take) .....8 mins 20 secs to reach the Earth.
- g I (look after) .....Jack's dog this weekend. (you want) .....to take it for a walk?
- h Who (Sue dance) .....with? That's not her brother, is it?
- i That plant I bought (not grow) .....very much. And I (water).....it every day.
- j Which hotel (you stay) .....in whenever you (come) .....here?
- k This flower (smell).....wonderful.
- l I .....(just taste) the soup to see if it needs more salt.
- m She .....(think) that I would be happier in another job.
- n We .....(think) of buying a new car.
- o They .....(usually have) breakfast at home, but today they (have) .....at work.
- p Bob .....(be) rather difficult at the moment.

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

Dear Aunt Jean,

I .....(just write) to tell you how much I .....(appreciate) the money you sent me, and to tell you how I .....(get on) in my first term at university. Actually, I.....(really enjoy) myself! I .....(study) quite hard as well, but at the moment I .....(spend) a lot of time just making friends. I .....(still stay) with my friend Sue, and I .....(look 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 .....(write) this letter instead of an essay on 'Hamlet'! I .....(think) I'll buy some new clothes with the money you sent. Everything .....(cost) a lot here, and I .....(save) to buy a winter coat. It .....(get) really cold here in the evenings. I .....(know) lots of other students and generally speaking we .....(have) quite a good time socially! I .....(also learn) to drive.

See you soon, Katherine

### 5 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 (visit) .....our Birmingham branch.
- b What time (your plane leave) .....
- c Can you call me at 7:00, because we (leave) .....tomorrow.
- d According to this timetable, the bus (arrive) .....at 6:00.
- e I have to finish it now because I (meet) .....Jack in two hours.
- f When (the concert start) .....? – It (start) .....at seven.