

Name & Surname: _____ Date: _____

PRESENT SIMPLE – PRESENT CONTINUOUS

1. Complete the email. Use the present simple or present continuous.

Hi

How are you? I usually _____(work) on Mondays, but today I'm at home. I _____(sit) in the kitchen, and I _____(write) emails to friends, because I've finally got some free time.

Everyone's fine. Karl's very busy in his new job. He _____(go) to a different factory every week. He _____(visit) Dresden this week. Jola _____(look) for a new job at the moment. She _____(buy) a newspaper every day to read the job adverts. Tobi is still at university. He _____(not work) hard most of the time, but at the moment he _____(study) very hard, because he's got exams.

What about you? What _____(you/do) at the moment?

Write soon.

Petra.

2. Complete the following sentences using the Present simple and Present Continuous.

- a. _____(you/smoke)? No, never.
- b. - "What _____(you /eat)?"
- "A cheese sandwich."
- c. - "Where _____ she _____(work)?"
- "She _____(work) in a school. But these days she _____(not/work), because she is on holiday."
- d. - "Bonjour!"
- "Sorry, I _____French." (not speak)
- e. - "Your English _____(get) better."
- "Oh, thanks!"
- f. Water _____(boil) at 100°C.
- g. - "_____ (you/ play)golf?"
- "Yes, but not very well."

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3. Choose the correct form of the verbs.

Dear Karen,

I'm having / I have a great time in England. My university term isn't starting / doesn't start until the autumn, so I'm taking / I take the opportunity to improve my English. I'm staying / I stay with some English friends who are owning / own a farm. On weekdays I'm catching / I catch a bus into Torquay to go to language classes. I'm making / I make good progress, I think. My friends say / are saying my pronunciation is much better than when I arrived, and I'm understanding / I understand almost everything now. At weekends I'm helping / I help on the farm. At the moment they are harvesting / they harvest the corn and they are needing / they need all the help they can get. It's quite hard work, but I'm liking / I like it. And I'm developing / I develop some strong muscles!

Do you come / are you coming to visit me at Christmas? I'm spending / I spend the winter holiday here at the farm. My friends are wanting / want to meet you and there's plenty of space. But you must bring your warmest clothes. It's getting / it gets very cold here in the winter.

Let me know as soon as you're deciding / you decide. And tell me what you are doing / you do these days.

Do you miss me?

Love

Paul

4. Put each verb in brackets into the most suitable form, either present simple, or present continuous

I [1] (think) am thinking of moving house, because at the moment my neighbours [2] (drive) _____ me crazy! I [3] (live) _____ in a small flat, and noise [4] (come) _____ through the walls very easily. They [5] (not seem) _____ to realise that I [6] (go) _____ to bed early and they [7] (have) _____ parties nearly every night, and [8] (make) _____ a lot of noise. It's after midnight now, and I [9] (try) _____ to go to sleep, but it's impossible. People [10] (dance) _____ and [11] (shout) _____ next door, and the floor [12] (shake) _____. When I [13] (complain) _____ to the people next door, they [14] (tell) _____ me that I [15] (not understand) _____. "We [16] (only have) _____ fun," they [17] (say) _____ "you [18] (complain) _____ about nothing". They [19] (not understand) _____ me. That's why I [20] (look) _____ for a new place to live.