

Grammar 2 G

Present simple and present continuous

Look again at *Grammar database 2* on page 146 before doing these exercises.

Marsha (1) _____
 (usually/get) up at 9am on Saturdays.
 Then, she (2) _____
 (always/have) breakfast.
 She (3) _____ (not/leave)
 the house early on Saturdays,
 so she has time to eat. At the moment,
 she (4) _____ (get)
 dressed to go down and have
 some eggs.



1 Choose the correct word or phrase.

- 1 Sally and I **play / are playing** a computer game right now.
- 2 My dad **drives / is driving** his car to work every morning.
- 3 We **go / are going** to a photography club every Tuesday and Wednesday.
- 4 I **don't do / am not doing** my homework at the moment.
- 5 **Are you chatting / Do you chat** with friends online now?
- 6 What **do your parents usually do / are your parents usually doing** at the weekend?
- 7 Hi, Robert! What **do you do / are you doing** at the moment?
- 8 They **aren't having / don't have** their lunch right now.

2 Choose the correct verb. Then put the verbs into the present continuous to complete the sentences.

- 1 Mike _____ (chat / go / win) his game at the moment.
- 2 Sheila _____ (not go / not get / not take) to bed now.
- 3 Michael _____ (write / do / make) a letter right now.
- 4 They _____ (check / live / walk) to school at the moment.
- 5 Linda _____ (play / win / have) the piano right now.
- 6 I _____ (read / go / learn) a great book at the moment.

3 Put the verbs into the correct form (present simple or present continuous) to complete the texts.

Mark (5) _____ (always/go) to Ben's house at the weekend. Right now, they (6) _____ (play) computer games. Mark (7) _____ (usually/win), but at the moment, he (8) _____ (not/win). Ben is quite happy about that!

Dana (9) _____ (chat) with her friend online at the moment. She (10) _____ (spend) about an hour online every night. At the moment, she and her friend (11) _____ (talk) about their schoolday. Her friend (12) _____ (tell) her about her dance class.



Quick check

4 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Do we use the present simple to talk about things that never happen? **yes / no**
- 2 Do we use the present continuous to talk about things that happen sometimes? **yes / no**
- 3 Which one is correct? **I'm reading at night. / I read at night. / both**
- 4 Which one is correct? **I'm eating now. / I eat now. / both**
- 5 Do we use *always*, *sometimes* and *never* with the present continuous? **yes / no**
- 6 Do we use *right now*, *now* and *at the moment* with the present continuous? **yes / no**