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# Present continuous and present simple (I am doing and I do)

1 Complete the webpage with the present continuous form of the verbs from the box.

hold offer organise perform play sing



### 2 Complete the sentences with the present continuous form of the verbs.

A JENNY: ZOE:	(you / wait) for the London train?  (I / meet) my mother off the train from Bristol.
B MANDY: JAMES:	(this music / disturb) you? (I / enjoy) it.
C TOM: ELLIE:	(anyone / use) this room today? (We / have) a meeting here after lunch, but it's free now.
D NINA: FINN:	(those people / shout)? (They / demonstrate) against the new taxes.
E BEN: CRAIG:	(you / apply) for university? (I / think) about it, but I haven't decided yet.
F AVA: KATE:	(Jane / leave) work early today? (she / fly) to Brussels at five o'clock.
G JOSH:	(you / come) to the party on Thursday? (I / work) late, unfortunately.



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Complete the description using the correct present continuous form of the verbs in the box. Sometimes you need the negative. Use some of the verbs more than once.

enjoy hang lie look stay sit turn wear



#### The Bellelli Family by Edgar Degas

	ılia (3) at something	
	out of the picture towards the artist. Giul	
	on the floor. Both the girls look rather seri	'
* *	very still for the artist and they (7)	
9	er all have black dresses and the girls (8)	
	r (9)an apron. In the	
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which (10)	on the wall behind Laura and sor	ne papers wnich
(11)	on the desk.	
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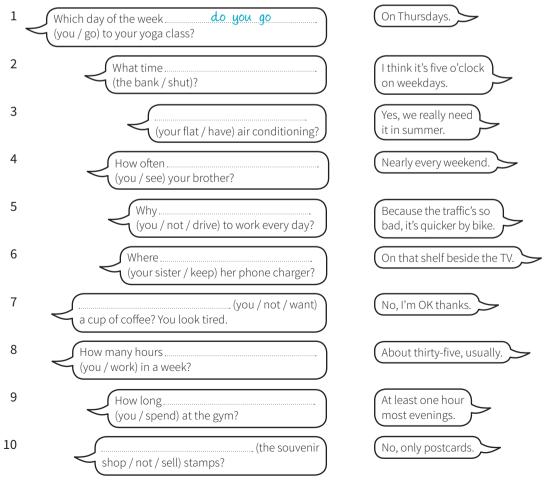
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5 Complete the text with the present simple form of the verbs.

What is an eclipse?		
A solar eclipse (1) happens (happen) when the moon (2) (pass) in front of the sun. This only (3) (take) place when there is a new moon. It (4) (last) for up to 7.5 minutes.		
(not sing), and animals (6) A solar eclipse (7) people (8)	dark. The birds (5)	
(11)(	fall) on the moon. The moon (12)	

6 Complete the questions with the present simple form of the verbs.



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#### Choose the correct alternative.

From:	Pedro Martinez pm3@rygl.com
To:	Kai Muller
Subject:	Hi from Canada

Hi Kai

(1) <u>I'm having / Have</u> a great time here in Canada. My MSc course (2) <u>isn't starting / doesn't start</u> until next month, at the beginning of September, so (3) <u>I'm making / I make</u> use of the time to get to know the place. (4) <u>I'm staying / I stay</u> near Vancouver with Ryan, my Canadian cousin. He and and his brother Liam (5) <u>are owning / own</u> a software business.

In the evenings (6) <u>we're driving / we drive</u> into the city and go clubbing or see a movie. (7) <u>I'm making / I make</u> a lot of new friends. (8) <u>I'm thinking / I think</u> my pronunciation is much better already, and (9) <u>I'm understanding / I understand</u> almost everything. On weekdays (10) <u>I'm helping / I help Liam</u>. At the moment (11) <u>he's working / he works</u> on their new website and (12) <u>he's needing / he needs</u> help with it. (13) <u>I'm learning / I learn</u> some useful stuff about how people (14) <u>are doing / do</u> business in this country.

(15) <u>Do you come / Are you coming</u> to see me? (16) <u>I'm spending / I spend</u> the winter holiday skiing with Ryan and Liam. (17) <u>They're wanting / They want</u> to meet you and there's plenty of space. You must bring lots of warm clothes because (18) <u>it's getting / it gets</u> really cold here in the winter. Let me know as soon as (19) <u>you're deciding / you decide</u>. And tell me what (20) <u>you're doing / you do</u> these days.

See you in December, I hope.

Pedro

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- Choose words from the box and make sentences ending as shown. Use verbs in the present continuous or present simple and any other words you need.
  - I My best friend My boss My boyfriend My classmates My family My father My sister My wife None of my friends Our children Our next-door neighbour Our teacher Several of my colleagues

1	My boyfriend is studying for his final exams	this term.
2	My sister doesn't go to the cinema	very often.
3	My classmates aren't talking much	right now.
4		this year.
5		every week.
6		at the moment.
7		this year.
8		at weekends.
9		this term.
10		right now.



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#### Put the verbs into the correct form: present continuous or present simple.

Tony Hunt, a journalist, is interviewing Leila Markham, an environmental scientist.

TONY:	So tell me, Leila, why is it impo rainforests?	rtant to save the	A Transfer of the Control of the Con
LEILA:	There are so many reasons. Or lots of the plants which (1)gr rainforest could be useful in mower (2)	edicine. (not / know) all f thousands of them.	
TONY:	I see. What other reasons are t	here?	
LEILA:	Well, scientists (4)	(believ	e) that the rainforests
	(5)	(have) an influence on	the world's weather systems and this
	(6)	(help) to slow down gl	obal warming. But, unfortunately,
	these days the forests (7)		(disappear) at a terrifying rate and we
	(8)	(not / do) enough to sa	ave them.
TONY:	What is the main danger of glo	bal warming, in your o	pinion?
LEILA:	The polar regions (9)		
	(consist) of millions of tons of i	ce.	
	If they (10)	(melt), the	
	level of the sea will rise and caus	se terrible floods. Most	
	scientists (11)	(agree) that	
	global temperatures (12)		
	(already / rise). We must do ev	erything we can to	

TONY: Thank you, Leila, and good luck in your campaign.

LEILA: Thank you.

## Tick (✓) the sentences which are correct. In some pairs, one sentence is correct. In other pairs, both sentences are correct.

prevent global warming, and that includes preserving the rainforests!

1	What do you think of my hair? ✓	What are you thinking of my hair?
2	You look great today!	You're looking great today!
3	Do you enjoy your meal?	Are you enjoying your meal?
4	I think of selling my car.	I'm thinking of selling my car.
5	Where do you live?	Where are you living?
6	I don't believe his story.	I'm not believing his story.
7	The students seem tired today.	The students are seeming tired today.
8	He weighs 80 kilos.	He's weighing 80 kilos.
9	How often do you play tennis?	How often are you playing tennis?
10	My brother looks for a new job.	My brother is looking for a new job.

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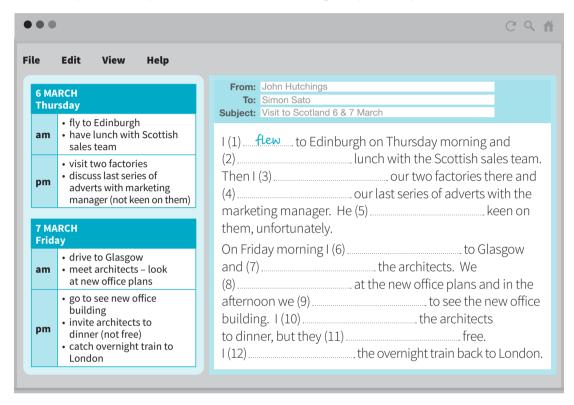


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# Past simple and past continuous (I did and I was doing)

Last week John went to Scotland on a business trip. Read his diary for last week.
Then complete the report he sent to his boss using the past simple.



Think about what you did one day last week. Complete the diary below. Then write a report using the past simple.

