

Ahmed is in the computer room at college. Complete her conversation with amine. Put in a present continuous form of the verb.

Amine: What (►) *are you doing?* (You / do)
 Ahmed: (►) *I'm writing* (I / write) a letter to a friend. He's a disc jockey.
 omar and I(1) (try) to organize a disco.
 Amine: That sounds a lot of work. How (2)..... (you / find) time for your studies?
 Ahmed I: Well, as I said, Vicky (3)(help) me.(4).....
 (we / get) on all right. (5)(we / not / spend) too much time on it.
 (6) (it / not / take) me away from my studies, don't worry about that. Oh,
 sorry, (7) (you / wait) for this computer?
 Amine: Yes, but there's no hurry.
 Ahmed: (8)..... (I / correct) the last bit of the letter. I've nearly finished.

1 I am trying 2 are you finding 3 is helping 4 We're/We are getting 5 We aren't spending 6 It isn't taking 7 are you waiting
 8 I'm/I am correcting

Look at each underlined verb and say what kind of meaning it expresses. Is it a thought, a feeling, a fact or a repeated action?

- ? Matthew loves sport. *A feeling*
 ? Sarah often works late at the office. *A repeated action*
 1 I hate quiz programmes.....
 2 We play table tennis every Thursday.
 3 The computer belongs to Emma.
 4 These plates cost £20 each.
 5 I believe it's the right thing to do.
 6 I'm hungry. I want something to eat.
 7 I usually go to work by bus.
 8 It's OK. I understand your problem.

1 a feeling 2 a repeated action 3 a fact 4 a fact 5 a thought 6 a feeling 7 a repeated action 8 a thought

Present continuous or simple?

At work Mark is talking to Alan in the corridor. Complete their conversation. Put in the present continuous or simple of the verbs.

Mark: (►) *Are you looking* (you / look) for someone?
 Alan: Yes, (►) *I need* (I / need) to speak to Neil. He isn't in his office.
 Mark: (1)..... (he / talk) to the boss at the moment.
 (2)..... (I / think) (3)..... (they / discuss) money.
 Alan: Oh, right. And what about you? (4)..... (you / look) for someone too?
 Mark: Yes, Linda. (5) (you / know) where she is?
 Alan: Oh, she isn't here today. She only (6) (work) four days a week.
 (7) (she / not / work) on Fridays. She'll be here on Monday.
 Mark: Thank you. (8)(you / know) a lot about Linda.
 Alan: Well, most days (9) (I / give) her a lift,
 or(10) (she / give) me one. (11)(she / live)
 quite close to me. (12)(it / save) petrol.
 Mark: Yes, of course. Good idea. Yes, (13)(I/ agree).
 Well, (14) (I / waste) my time here then. I'll get back to my computer.

1 I go 2 comes 3 we travel 4 don't you come 5 doesn't make 6 do you take 7 I love 8 does it cost 9 I don't know 10 that doesn't matter 11 I don't want 12 Does that annoy 13 it doesn't annoy 14 find

2 Present continuous or simple?

Complete the sentences. Put in the present continuous or simple of the verbs.

► *I'm writing* (I / write) to my parents. / *write* (I / write) to them every weekend.
 1 (it / snow) outside. (it / come) down quite hard, look.

- 2 Normally (I / start) work at eight o'clock, but (I / start) at seven this week. We're very busy at the moment.
- 3 I haven't got a car at the moment, so (I / go) to work on the bus this week. Usually (I / drive) to work.
- 4 The sun (rise) in the east, remember. It's behind us so (we / travel) west.
- 5 I'm afraid I have no time to help just now (I / write) a report. But (I / promise) I'll give you some help later.
- 6 (I / want) a new car (I / save) up to buy one.

1 It's/It is snowing, It's/It is coming 2 I start, I'm/I am starting 3 I'm/I am going, I drive 4 rises, we're/we are travelling
5 I'm/I am writing, I promise 6 I want, I'm/I am saving

States and actions (A)

Tom is on the Internet. He's telling people about himself. Say which verbs express states and which express actions.

► I surf the Net most evenings, *action*

1 My flat is in the town centre.....

2 I drive a taxi in the daytime.....

3 I own two cars.

4 I go to lots of parties.

5 I love football.

1 state 2 action 3 state 4 action 5 state

Negatives and questions

Complete the conversation. Put in the past simple negatives and questions.

Claire: (►) *Did you have* (you / have) a nice weekend in Paris?

Mark: Yes, thanks. It was good. We looked around and then we saw a show.

(1) (we / not / try) to do too much.

Claire: What sights (2) (you / see)?

Mark: We had a look round the Louvre. (3) (I / not / know) there was so much in there.

Claire: And what show (4) (you / go) to?

Mark: Oh, a musical. I forget the name. (5) (I / not / like) it.

Claire: Oh, dear. And (6) (Sarah / enjoy) it?

Mark: No, not really. But we enjoyed the weekend. Sarah did some shopping, too, but

(7) (I / not / want) to go shopping.

1 We didn't try 2 did you see 3 I didn't know 4 did you go 5 I didn't like 6 did Sarah enjoy 7 I didn't want

Add a sentence. Use the present perfect.

► I'm tired. (I / walk / miles) *I've walked miles.*

1 Emma's computer is working now. (she / repair / it)

2 It's cooler in here now. (I / open / the window)

3 The visitors are here at last, (they / arrive)

4 Mark's car isn't blocking us in now. (he / move / it)

5 We haven't got any new videos, (we / watch / all these)

1 She's/She has repaired it. 2 I've/I have opened the window. 3 They've/They have arrived. 4 He's/He has moved it.
5 We've/We have watched all these.

For and since

Andrew is a very hard-working student. It's midnight and he is still working at his computer. Write sentences with the present perfect and for or since.

- ▶ be / at his computer / six hours *He's been at his computer for six hours.*
- 1 not / have / any fun / a long time
- 2 have / a cold / a week
- 3 not / see / his friends / ages
- 4 not / do / any sport / last year
- 5 be / busy with his studies / months

1 He hasn't had any fun for a long time. 2 He's/He has had a cold for a week. 3 He hasn't seen his friends for ages. 4 He hasn't done any sport since last year. 5 He's/He has been busy with his studies for months.

Present and past tenses Complete the conversation. Choose the correct form.

Melanie: How (▶) are you getting/do you get on in your new job, Nick?

Nick: Oh, so (1) you know/you're knowing about my job as a car salesman.

Melanie: (2) David's told/David told me yesterday.

Nick: Well, I (3) haven't been/wasn't in the job long. (4) I started/I've started on Monday.

Melanie: And how many cars (5) have you been selling/have you sold so far?

Nick: Well, none yet. Give me a chance. Up to now (6) I've been learning/I've learned all the time.

Melanie: David says you (7) had/were having a sports car once.

Nick: I've still got it. (8) I had/I've had it for about five years. (9) I don't often drive/I'm not often driving it because (10) I don't like/I'm not liking getting it dirty. Normally (1 1) I ride/I'm riding my motor bike. And the car is expensive to run. 1 (1 2) bought/had bought it on impulse. I (13) was working/worked on a building site at the time. For several months before I bought it, (14) I'd done/I'd been doing overtime, and when (15) I'd been earning/I'd earned enough to buy a car, it was a really magical moment. Maybe you'd like a ride in it some time?

Melanie: Oh, yes please. That would be lovely.

1 you know 2 David told 3 haven't been 4 I started 5 have you sold 6 I've been learning 7 had 8 I've had 9 I don't often drive 10 I don't like 11 I ride 12 bought 13 was working 14 I'd been doing 15 I'd earned