UNIT 00

GRAMMAR

Present Simple and Present Continuous

1 Match the sentences to the function.
   a habits and routines
   b permanent situations
   c states
   d actions in progress at the time of speaking
   e temporary actions or situations in progress around now
   f changes and developments

1 Nobody knows the secret ingredient.
2 We’re trying out different restaurants in our town.
3 First we have breakfast, then we brush our teeth.
4 3 years old! She’s growing so fast!
5 The council pays for the free school dinners.
6 Sorry, I’m eating my dinner and typing at the same time.

2 Complete the sentences using the verbs in the box in the Present Simple tense.

wash serve work hate not prepare arrange
not want open cook take put understand

I hate my job but it pays my rent so I can’t complain. I’m in a burger bar in a busy shopping centre. Every day the shops open at 9.30 and we usually serve our first customers at about 10.00. At that time most people order a burger of course, some people have breakfast, a lot of people just have coffee, though I can’t understand why anyone would come here for coffee! Anyway, my specific job is a burger chef, which means I prepare burgers. It isn’t difficult, I just take frozen burgers and cook them on a hot plate for about 10 minutes. I also open the burger on a bread bun, but I arrange the salad or sauces, that’s the head chef’s job. The head chef chops all the vegetables for the salad and puts them nicely on a bun.

3 Use the prompts to write questions in the Present Simple tense.

Where/the company/buy/burgers?
Where does the company buy burgers?
1 Why/you/do/a job you hate?
2 What/the most expensive item on the menu?
3 Famous people/ever/visit this restaurant?
4 How often/you get complaints from customers?
5 Your boss/ever get really angry?
6 Who/write/this blog?
7 When/the chefs/have lunch?

4 Complete the dialogue using the verbs in brackets in the Present Continuous tense.

A What are you doing (you do)?
B I’m taking a photo of my meal.
A Are you serious? Why?
B Well, I’m writing a blog about food in England and I’m documenting everything I eat.
A Oh, have you got many followers?
B Yes, quite a lot. I’m trying to go to as many different restaurants and cafés as I can.
A That sounds interesting.
B Yes, it is, but it’s hard work too.
A What? Eating and taking pictures is hard work?
B Well, yes, because I’m watching my weight at the same time. My girlfriend thinks we’re putting on weight!
A She’s probably just fed up because you’re spending too much time writing a blog and taking photographs.
B Oh, I don’t think so. She always tells me I should spend more time writing and she works hard on her dissertation at the moment so she’s happy that I’m busy and that I’m not asking her to do things all the time.
A Are you sure she’s not looking for another boyfriend?
B Very funny! You joke of course.
A I don’t know, I think she’s a great girl, I’m sure other men always ask her out.
B Well, that might be true but she loves me and my blog! So I’m not worried.
5 Circle the correct answer.

I'm Liam, welcome to my culinary blog. I'm a student of tourism. I go/am going to college three days a week and for two days a week I 'do/am doing' work experience related to my course. At the moment I 'work'/ 'm working in a hostel, it's hard work and because I'm a student I 'do/am doing' it for free! This blog is for my course - I 'keep'/ 'm keeping a record of all my culinary experiences. These photos are from Mel's tea room, as you can see I'm eating some scones and my friend Jake enjoys/is enjoying a coffee. This is a popular café and local people often eat/are eating here as well as tourists. The café doesn't use/isn't using local suppliers, they want to offer cheap food and serve as many people as possible and they generally don't worry/aren't worrying about quality or the environment.

This means every year in the tourist season they do/are doing very well. It's summer at the moment and they make/are making good profits, however out of tourist season the café relies/is relying on locals for business.

6 Re-write the sentences using the Present Continuous and always.

My boyfriend leaves the computer on when he isn’t using it.

My boyfriend is always leaving the computer on when he isn’t using it.

2 You complain when we eat out.

3 This computer shuts down unexpectedly.

4 The students leave the door open when they leave the room.

5 I tell you not to run but you never listen!

6 You go out without telling me, I’m fed up with it!

7 The students make the same mistakes.

8 He tells me what a great cook you are.

7 Four of the sentences contain errors, correct them.

1 Jason thinks about changing his job.
2 I see you have fish on the menu today.
3 I’m finding Indian food a bit too spicy for me.
4 We stay in a city apartment for a few weeks.
5 Oh no, the teacher looks really fed up.
6 What do you wait for? Just go in.
7 So many people are looking for a job right now.
8 I really love this house, it’s a great place to live.

8 Choose the correct answer a, b, c, or d.

Every parent wants the best for their child and most parents 2 want about the food that their children eat, but many parents 3 want they are having a losing battle against big business and food advertising. Take kid’s TV, it is impossible to watch any programme without also seeing advertisements for junk food. Every day fast food advertisers 5 want young children because they 6 want that children often 7 want what constitutes healthy food and they also know how persuasive children can be. Children 8 are wanting their parents for the latest sugary cereal to get the free toy, and parents of course want to keep their children happy.

1 a wants  b want  c is wanting  d are wanting
2 a worries  b worry  c is worrying  d are worrying
3 a are feeling  b is feeling  c feels  d feel
4 a fight  b fight  c are fighting  d to fight
5 a target  b targets  c are targeting  d to target
6 a are know  b are knowing  c know  d understands
7 a not understand  b aren’t understanding  c don’t understand  d understands
8 a are always nagging  b always nagging  c nags  d are nag

9 Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Many restaurants in the UK are now starting to consider how they can attract a new kind customer - the eco customer. It’s a fact that customers now not only look for great quality food and excellent service they also want to know where their food comes from and what the environmental impact of a meal is. This means that many cafés and restaurants now looking for local suppliers of food and drink so they reduce the carbon impact of their meals and keep their customers happy. They are supporting their local economies.