

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 ¹ _____ in a burger bar in a busy shopping centre. Every day the shops ² _____ at 9.30 and we usually ³ _____ our first customers at about 10.00. At that time most people ⁴ _____ a burger of course, some people have breakfast, a lot of people just have coffee, though I can't ⁵ _____ why anyone would come here for coffee! Anyway, my specific job is a burger chef, which means I ⁶ _____ burgers. It isn't difficult, I just ⁷ _____ frozen burgers and cook them on a hot plate for about 10 minutes. I also ⁸ _____ the burger on a bread bun, but I ⁹ _____ the salad or sauces, that's the head chef's job. The head chef ¹⁰ _____ and chops all the vegetables for the salad and ¹¹ _____ 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 ¹ _____ (take) a photo of my meal.

A Are you serious? Why?

B Well, I ² _____ (write) a blog about food in England and I ³ _____ (document) everything I eat.

A Oh, have you got many followers?

B Yes, quite a lot. I ⁴ _____ (try) 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 ⁵ _____ (watch) my weight at the same time. My girlfriend thinks we ⁶ _____ (put) on weight!

A She's probably just fed up because you ⁷ _____ (spend) too much time writing a blog and taking photographs.

B Oh, I don't think so. She ⁸ _____ (always tell) me I should spend more time writing and she ⁹ _____ (work) hard on her dissertation at the moment so she's happy that I'm busy and that I

¹⁰ _____ (not ask) her to do things all the time.

A Are you sure she ¹¹ _____ (not look) for another boyfriend?

B Very funny! You ¹² _____ (joke) of course.

A I don't know, I think she's a great girl, I'm sure other men ¹³ _____ (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 ¹do/am doing work experience related to my course. At the moment I ²work/'m working in a hostel, it's hard work and because I'm a student I ³do/'m doing it for free! This blog is for my course - I ⁴keep/'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 ⁵enjoys/is enjoying a coffee. This is a popular café and local people often ⁶eat/are eating here as well as tourists. The café ⁷doesn't use/isn't using local suppliers, they want to offer cheap food and serve as many people as possible and they generally ⁸don't worry/aren't worrying about quality or the environment. This means every year in the tourist season they ⁹do/are doing very well. It's summer at the moment and they ¹⁰make/are making good profits, however out of tourist season the café ¹¹relies/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_____ about the food that their children eat, but many parents ³_____ they ⁴_____ 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_____ young children because they ⁶_____ that children often ⁷_____ what constitutes healthy food and they also know how persuasive children can be. Children ⁸_____ their parents for the latest sugary cereal to get the free toy, and parents of course want to keep their children happy.

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| 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) don't know |
| 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 ¹are now starting ²_____ consider how ³_____ can attract a new kind ⁴_____ customer - the eco customer. It's a fact that ⁵_____ customers now not only look ⁶_____ great quality food and excellent service ⁷_____ they also want to ⁸_____ where their food comes from and what the environmental impact of ⁹_____ meal is. This means that many cafés and restaurants ¹⁰_____ now looking for local suppliers of food and drink so they ¹¹_____ reduce the carbon impact of their meals and keep their customers happy. They are supporting their local economies ¹²_____ .