

Present simple and present continuous

1a Look at these sentences. Which sentences are in the present simple and which are in the present continuous?

- 1 I'm writing to you because of my problems at home.
- 2 My mum and dad never knock before coming into my bedroom!
- 3 Parents and teenagers always argue about music.
- 4 I don't know what to do.

1b Match the sentences in 1a with the explanation of their uses in a–d. Write the answers in your notebook.

- a With certain verbs like love, like, hate, think, believe, know, understand, want, need.
- b For regular or routine actions.
- c For things that are always or generally true.
- d For actions that are happening now or temporary actions.

1c Complete the sentences in your notebook with the correct form of study.

Present simple

Affirmative: He _____ history.

Negative: He _____ physics.

Question: _____ he _____ English?

Present continuous

Affirmative: She _____ English now.

Negative: She _____ maths now.

Question: _____ she _____ French?

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2 Look at the picture. Write sentences in your notebook about what the different members of the family are doing or not doing. Use the present continuous form of the verbs in the box.

cry • drink • laugh • listen • play • read • sit • sleep • stand • talk • watch

The daughter is talking on the phone.

3 Complete the dialogue about the picture using the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs given. Write the answers in your notebook.

Molly: Hi, Julia. What (a) _____ you _____ (do)? Are you at home?

Julia: Yes. I never (b) _____ (go) out on Wednesdays.

Molly: (c) _____ you _____ (watch) TV?

Julia: No, right now my mum (d) _____ (watch) her favourite series. She always (e) _____ (watch) it on Wednesdays.

Molly: What's that sound? (f) _____ somebody _____ (cry)?

Julia: Yeah. It's my baby cousin.

Molly: (g) _____ she always _____ (cry) like that?!

Julia: No, she (h) _____. ... (i) _____ you _____ (know) what my dad (j) _____ (do) at the moment?

Molly: No, I (k) _____.

Julia: He (l) _____ (listen) to loud music because he (m) _____ (hate) the sound of crying! And the amazing thing is that now my grandfather (n) _____ (sleep). He usually (o) _____ (sleep) in the afternoon. I don't know how he's doing it!

