

## 1 Circle the correct answers.

- Chris **usually wears** / **is usually wearing** jeans and a T-shirt, but today he **wears** / **'s wearing** trousers and a shirt.
- 'That shop **sells** / **is selling** really nice clothes.' 'Oh good! I **really want** / **'m really wanting** to buy a new top.'
- My brother **doesn't like** / **isn't liking** going shopping.
- It **rains** / **is raining** a lot in winter, but it **doesn't rain** / **isn't raining** today.
- He **always buys** / **is always buying** his clothes online.
- Do you speak** / **Are you speaking** Spanish? I **don't understand** / **'m not understanding** what *botas* means.
- I **spend** / **'m spending** the day with my cousins, so I can't go to the cinema today.
- Chris doesn't usually like parties, but he **enjoys** / **'s enjoying** this one.

## 2 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Then practise it in pairs.

**Rick** Hi, Sue. How are you? It's great to see you. What <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (do) at the moment?

**Sue** Hi, Rick. Well, I <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not live) here in London any more. I <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (live) in New York!

**Rick** Wow, how exciting. I <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (really want) to go to New York. What <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (do) here in London?

**Sue** I <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) my family and I <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (work) here for two weeks. My company has an office here so I <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (come) here five or six times a year.

**Rick** That's great. What's your job?

**Sue** I <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (work) for NY Clothes. Do you know it?

**Rick** Yes! I buy all my clothes there.

**Sue** Is that an NY jacket that you <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (wear)?

**Rick** Yes, it is. I just love it!

3 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Look at the table.

**Student A** Talk about what Nick usually does.

**Student B** Talk about what Nick's doing today.

Nick usually ...	But today he ...
walk / to school	ride / a bike to school
wear / smart trousers	wear / black jeans
eat / a burger for lunch	eat / salad for lunch
prefer / maths to English	prefer / English to maths
listen / to classical music	listen / to heavy metal
like / playing football	not like / playing football
study / in the evening	go / to a party

Nick usually walks to school.

But today he's riding a bike to school.

## 3D Contrast: present simple and present continuous

**Aims:** To review and practise the present simple and present continuous contrast.

**Time:** 10–15 minutes

**Materials:** 1 handout for each student

### Exercise 1

- Give each student a handout and ask them to work individually to choose the correct answers.
- You might want to remind students that we use the present simple for routines, facts and states, and the present continuous for things happening now.
- Check answers with the class.

#### KEY

- 1 usually wears, 's wearing
- 2 sells, really want
- 3 doesn't like
- 4 rains, isn't raining
- 5 always buys
- 6 Do you speak, don't understand
- 7 'm spending
- 8 's enjoying

### Exercise 2

- Ask students to read the dialogue quickly. Ask: *Where does Sue live?* (New York)
- Students then work individually to complete the gaps with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.
- Check answers with the class. Then ask them to practise the dialogue in pairs.

#### KEY

- 1 are you doing
- 2 'm not living
- 3 live
- 4 really want
- 5 are you doing
- 6 'm visiting
- 7 'm working
- 8 come
- 9 work
- 10 're wearing

### Exercise 3

- Students work in pairs. Elicit the tense that you use to talk about routines and habits (present simple), and the tense you use to talk about things happening around now (present continuous). Ask students if there are any times when they wouldn't use the present continuous to talk about things happening now (for state verbs, i.e. *believe, know, hate, like, need*).
- Students take turns to speak. Set a time limit of three minutes.
- Check answers with the class.

#### KEY

##### Nick usually ...

walks to school.

wears smart trousers.

eats a burger for lunch.

prefers maths to English.

listens to classical music.

likes playing football.

studies in the evening.

##### But today he ...

's riding a bike to school.

's wearing black jeans.

's eating a salad for lunch.

prefers English to maths.

's listening to heavy metal.

doesn't like playing football.

's going to a party.