

Present Simple / Present Continuous

A Choose the correct answer.

1. He (is appearing / appears) in two shows every week.
2. Shops (close / are closing) late on Monday nights.
3. Don't disturb him. He (tries / is trying) to sleep.
4. Are you free tonight? We (are having / have) a party.
5. John (is seeing / sees) his girlfriend this evening.
6. We (don't think / aren't thinking) this is a good idea.

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

1. Kim (take) her dog for a walk in the evenings.
2. Call later. He (study) for his exam now.
3. How much the book (cost)?
4. Take an umbrella. It (rain) at the moment.
5. My grandmother (not forget) any of her grandchildren's birthdays.
6. Vegetarians (not eat) meat.
7. you (come) to the disco with us next Friday?
8. This suitcase (weigh) about 20 kilos.

C Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

1. Visiting our friends in the country is a rare occurrence. (see)
We
2. They are in the middle of supper. (have)
Right now, they
3. In my opinion, she isn't beautiful. (not think)
I
4. She's not working today because it's Saturday. (not go)
She
5. We don't have anything special planned for this weekend. (do)
We
6. My neighbours own that car. (belong)
That car
7. What's the matter? (cry)
Why ?

D Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

If you ¹..... (love) surfing and ²..... (want) to get a university degree, you should go to Plymouth University in Britain. Students who ³..... (surf) three or four times a week for fun can now do a degree in surfing, and make a career of it. While surfing ⁴..... (look) easy when you watch from the beach, getting a degree is quite hard to achieve. Jim and Helen are in their last year of school, and ⁵..... (take) their A-levels this summer. They both ⁶..... (own) surfboards, but they ⁷..... (not surf) much these days. They ⁸..... (study) very hard for their A-levels. They ⁹..... (know) the academic requirements for acceptance to the surfing course are high, and the course itself is also hard. It ¹⁰..... (include) oceanography, marine biology, ecology and the design of wetsuits and surfboards, as well as actual surfing. But Jim and Helen both ¹¹..... (believe) it's worth the effort. Let's wish them luck.

Present Simple / Present Continuous – Answers

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| 1. appears | 4. are having |
| 2. close | 5. is seeing |
| 3. is trying | 6. don't think |
- B**
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| 1. takes | 5. doesn't forget |
| 2. is studying | 6. don't eat |
| 3. does ... cost | 7. Are ... coming |
| 4. is raining | 8. weighs |
- C**
1. rarely see our friends in the country
 2. are having supper
 3. don't think she's beautiful
 4. doesn't go to work on Saturdays
 5. aren't doing anything special this weekend
 6. belongs to my neighbour
 7. are you crying
- D**
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| 1. love | 7. aren't surfing / don't surf |
| 2. want | 8. are studying |
| 3. surf | 9. know |
| 4. looks | 10. includes |
| 5. are taking | 11. believe |
| 6. own | |