

# Grammar Extra Practice • 1

## Present Simple - Present Continuous

### 1 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the Present Simple.

1. Jason often **(visit)** \_\_\_\_\_ his best friend at weekends.
2. Eve **(not/sing)** \_\_\_\_\_ well.
3. **(your mum/get up)** \_\_\_\_\_ at 7: 00 every day?
4. Tom never **(go)** \_\_\_\_\_ to the theatre on Tuesdays.
5. **(Maggie and Luke/watch TV)** \_\_\_\_\_ in their free time?

### 2 Answer the questions, using adverbs of frequency.

1. How often do you read English magazines? I \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How often does your mum speak German? She \_\_\_\_\_.
3. How often does your dad cook? He \_\_\_\_\_.
4. How often does it snow in Poland? It \_\_\_\_\_.
5. How often do your grandparents swim in the sea? They \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct Present Continuous forms of the verbs in the box.

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1. We \_\_\_\_\_ for the train to London.
2. Jason \_\_\_\_\_ to rock music at the moment. It's pop!
3. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ now.
4. My dad \_\_\_\_\_ bread. It's a bread roll.
5. Cathy \_\_\_\_\_ a great time in Spain.
6. My teacher \_\_\_\_\_ English at the moment.

### 4 Answer the questions in the Present Continuous, using the prompts.

1. What is Luke doing now? **(cook)**. He \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Where are Kitty and Peter going? **(to the museum)**. They \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What is Patrick buying at the moment? **(a new car)**. He \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Who is Betty painting now? **(her friend)**. Betty \_\_\_\_\_.

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## 5 Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Simple or the Present Continuous.

1. A: ..... (you/go) to the restaurant tonight, Lucy?  
B: I can't. I (help) ..... my mum then.
2. A: What time (the bus/arrive) .....?  
B: At 7.50 p.m. I (not/want) ..... to wait so long. Let's take the tram!
3. A: What (your sister/look) ..... for now?  
B: I don't know. She (always/lose)..... her things.
4. A: Where (be) ..... Marcy?  
B: At the airport. She (fly) ..... to New York in the afternoon.

## Prepositions of time

## 6 Choose the correct preposition.

1. Let's go to the club **on / at** Friday.
2. We can meet **in / at** 6 p.m.
3. The war began **in / on** 1939.
4. I always eat a lot of eggs **on / at** Easter.
5. Let's go to Paris **of / at** the weekend.
6. Lucy was born **in / on** May.
7. Tim's birthday is **at / on** 12<sup>th</sup> December.
8. Susan can't sleep **on / at** night.
9. I often read English newspapers **in / at** the evening.
10. That battle was **in / on** the 11<sup>th</sup> century.

## Past Simple - Past Continuous

## 7 Put the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple.

1. I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ in Portugal last summer.
2. Tom (travel) \_\_\_\_\_ by plane three years ago.
3. (you/swim) \_\_\_\_\_ in the lake yesterday?
4. (your grandparents/be) \_\_\_\_\_ in Chicago in 1995?
5. Agnes (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ her cousin two days ago.
6. We (buy) \_\_\_\_\_ a big teddy bear for our younger brother.
7. Tim (not/watch) \_\_\_\_\_ that film last Monday.

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**8** Write questions to the underlined parts of the sentences in the Past Simple, as in the example.

0. Tim went to work at 8 o'clock.- *What time did Tim go to work?*

1. Claire lived in Birmingham three years ago.-.....

2. Miranda was in Rome in August.- .....

3. Emily and Christine met Brian at the train station.- .....

4. Jason saw a spider on the wall.- .....

**9** Complete the sentences with the correct Past Continuous forms of the verbs in the box.

study	read	cut	not swim	not write	look
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1. Ted ..... a book for an hour. He couldn't do it faster.

2. My sister ..... bread when I entered the kitchen.

3. Agnes and Justin ..... at that beautiful painting for ten minutes.

4. Mike ..... a novel all year long. It didn't take him so much time!

5. We ..... for our exams for about two months.

6. Betty and Jessica..... in the lake for half an hour. The water was too cold!

**10** Put the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

1. When we **(arrive)** ..... at the party, everyone **(dance)** .....

2. What **(you/do)** ..... at 7 p.m. yesterday?

3. While James **(talk)** ..... on the phone, his dad **(watch)** ..... TV.

4. Marcy and Lucy **(eat)** ..... breakfast for five minutes.

5. I **(walk)** ..... down the street when I **(see)** ..... my old friend.

6. James **(break)** ..... his leg, so his dad **(take)** ..... him to hospital.