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Present simple and continuous

A Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- ‘What _____ (you / do) after school today?’
‘I _____ (meet) my mates at the skate park. _____ (you / want) to come with me?’
- The day after tomorrow my boyfriend _____ (take) his driving test. I hope he passes!
- ‘_____ (I / need) to take my umbrella?’
‘Yes. Look out of the window. It _____ (pour) with rain right now!’
- At weekends, Al and Ann often _____ (look after) their grandchildren, but this weekend they _____ (go) on a trip to London.
- I _____ (not believe) in the supernatural, but I _____ (read) a ghost story at the moment and it’s very scary!
- My granddad is incredibly generous. Every Christmas he _____ (buy) sweets for all the kids in his street.
- I can’t believe my brother only _____ (clean) his teeth once a day. He _____ (not brush) them before he goes to bed. Yuk!
- Tom _____ (feel) very excited, because he _____ (have) a massive party for his 18th birthday in three days.
- I _____ (go) to the dentist at least twice a year, even though I _____ (hate) it.
- My ex-girlfriend _____ (get) married a fortnight from now. I _____ (not go) to the wedding, because she didn’t invite me.

B Read the sentences again and find all the time phrases. Are they usually used with the present simple or present continuous forms? Write them in the correct box. Can you add any other time phrases to your lists?

Present simple	Present continuous
at weekends	after school today
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

C Put the words in the correct order to make present continuous questions.

- next / on / you / summer / Where / holiday / going / are ?

- Are / weekend / shopping / going / next / you ?

- tomorrow / after / to / you / coming / the / school / day / Are ?

- going / early / Are / to / tonight / you / bed ?

- birthday / you / celebrating / are / your / How / next ?

D Now find out about your partner’s future arrangements by asking the questions above. Make notes on what he / she tells you, so you don’t forget!


