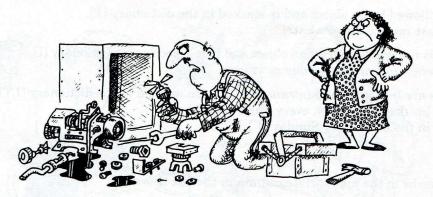
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#### Verbs: present simple versus continuous

# I know what I'm doing!



#### PRESENT SIMPLE

### a) Habitual actions He gets up at 6.30 every day. He usually gets up at 6.30.

#### b) Permanent state She *lives* in Cambridge. He *doesn't like* fish.

### c) Eternal truths Water boils at 100°C. The moon goes round the earth.

### d) Future with timetables, programmes, etc. The bus *leaves* at 5.30. The shop *closes* at 6.00.

### e) Conditional If it rains, I'll stay at home. If you don't phone, I'll be angry.

## f) Verbs of perception, emotion and belief I believe in God. I don't understand this.

g) Other verbs: think, know, mean, forget, remember, suppose, trust, like, love, prefer, hate, wish, want, need, see, hear, feel, smell, taste, notice, recognise, seem, appear, cost, depend

#### PRESENT CONTINUOUS

- a) Temporary actions happening now I'm phoning from work. He's camping in France.
- b) Repeated actions, but not a permanent state
   I'm having driving lessons.
   She's going to evening classes.
- c) Irritating habits with 'always' She's always biting her nails. He's always whistling in my ear.
- d) Future arrangements
   My son's getting married soon.
   I'm leaving York on Friday.

After the following questions and statements, find a suitable response.

- 1 When do you leave?
- 2 When are you leaving?
- 3 Where does Rhona live?
- 4 Where is Rhona living?
- 5 The bus is leaving.
- 6 The bus leaves in half an hour.
- 7 John always phones late at night.
- 8 John's always phoning late at night.
- 9 The sun sets at 7.30.
- 10 The sun is setting.

#### Responses

- a) That's nice of him.
- b) We shouldn't miss it this time.
- c) Usually at 8.30.
- d) That's inconsiderate of him.
- e) Quick, take a photo.
- f) At 8.30 tomorrow morning.
- g) Oh no, we've missed it.
- h) It gets dark half an hour later.
- i) Chester at the moment.
- j) Her home's in Dalston.