

1A GRAMMAR present simple and continuous, action and non-action verbs



a Circle the correct form of the verbs.

Pavel What ¹**do you study** / **are you studying**?

Elvira Humanities.

Pavel ²**I do** / **I'm doing** Fine Arts. Where
³**do you come** / **are you coming** from?

Elvira I'm from Salamanca, in Spain.

Pavel And how many hours of classes ⁴**do you have** /
are you having a week?

Elvira ⁵**It depends** / **It's depending** on the week, but
usually about 20 hours. ⁶**Do you know** / **Are you**
knowing about the party tonight?

Pavel ⁷**Do you mean** / **Are you meaning** the one
for new students? I can't go, because
⁸**I get ready** / **I'm getting ready** to move
into my flat tomorrow.

Elvira Where ⁹**do you live** / **are you living** at the
moment?

Pavel ¹⁰**I stay** / **I'm staying** in a student hostel.

Elvira What ¹¹**do you do** / **are you doing** on Sunday
afternoon? If you ¹²**want** / **are wanting**, we could
meet and look around the city.

Pavel I'm busy in the afternoon, but what about Sunday
morning?

Elvira Fine. Where shall we meet?

b Complete the conversation with the correct form of
the verbs: present simple or present continuous.

Mia Hello John, what a surprise! What ¹are you
doing (do) here?

John The same as you probably! I ² _____
(buy) a few things for dinner.

Mia How are things? Are you still working at the same
place?

John Yes, but I ³ _____ (not like) it very
much. My boss ⁴ _____ (depend) on
me for everything. The worst thing is that she
always ⁵ _____ (get) the credit and I
⁶ _____ (do) all the work!

Mia That ⁷ _____ (sound) terrible.
⁸ _____ you _____ (have to)
go back to work this afternoon?

John No, I only work until lunchtime on Fridays because
I always ⁹ _____ (have) lunch with my
friend, Paula. She ¹⁰ _____ (not work)
on Fridays, so we usually ¹¹ _____
(meet) at that nice little Italian restaurant in
town. ¹² _____ you _____
(want) to come?

Mia I'd love to, but I ¹³ _____ (need) to get
home. My sister ¹⁴ _____ (stay) with us
for a few days. Some other time!

ACTIVATION

Practise the conversations with a partner.