

Theme 1

Communication

GRAMMAR RECALL

Present Simple and Present Continuous

What is the difference in meaning between the two questions?

What do you think about technology?

What are you thinking about?

Read the sentences and match them to the usages on the right.

1 She is texting her friend on her new phone.

2 He is taking a course in computer science.

3 He e-mails his friends every day.

4 I'm getting a new phone tomorrow.

5 They live in Sohar.

6 There are many blogs on the Internet.








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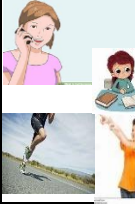
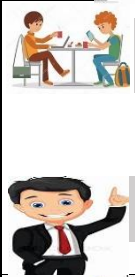

Use the **present continuous** for:

- d actions that are happening right now
- e activities or situations that are happening now, although maybe not at the exact moment of speaking
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Present simple

habits and routines		He cleans his car every day.
		She cooks the lunch every day.
		My cat climbs trees every day.
a situation that is true		They work in a bank.
		They live in the sea.
describing a permanent state		Oman is a beautiful country.
		Apples are healthy.

Present continuous

<p>Actions that are happening right now</p>		<p>Where are Nancy and Flora?</p>	
		<p>They are doing their homework.</p>	
		<p>Look! Ali is running.</p>	
<p>Situations or activities that are happening now, although maybe not at the exact moment of speaking</p>		<p>They are staying in Paris this month.</p>	
		<p>I am taking a course this summer.</p>	
<p>Plans or arrangements for the future</p>		<p>They are travelling to Japan tomorrow.</p>	

Present simple	Present continuous
He cleans his room every day.	He is cleaning his room at the moment.
She travels to Egypt every summer holiday.	She is travelling to Egypt this month.
They live in Muscat.	They are living in Salalah this year.
I play football at weekend.	I am playing a match this season.
We do our homework after school.	We are doing our homework this evening.
He studies English in his free time.	He is studying English in UK this summer.
She stays with her uncle every summer.	She is staying with her aunt this summer.
My parents go shopping on Fridays.	My parents are going shopping next Friday.
I read stories before I go to bed.	I am reading a story now.

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Which words in the box on the right complete the questions? Discuss the answers to the questions with your group.

Who
Why
How
Do (x3)
What
Which
When

- a Do you use the Internet? **Yes**
- b What do you use it for? **studying**
- c How many times a day do you go online? **3 times**
- d When do you like to surf the net – before or after school? **after school**
- e Which websites do you visit most often? **educational**
- f Do you visit chat rooms? **Yes**
- g Who do you chat to? **friends**
- h Do you have your own website? **No**
- i Why do you think that people write blogs? **to share ideas and get advice**

who	people	Who travelled to USA? Ahlam
what	things	What is that? a pen
when	time	When do you get up? at 5 o'clock
where	place	Where do you live? in Muscat
which	choices	Which drink do you prefer? coffee
why	reason	Why are you late? because of traffic
How	situation	How do you come to school? by bus
How many	number	How many cars do you have? 2
How much	quantity / prices	How much is this shirt? 3 rials
How far	distance	How far is Salalah from Muscat? about 1000 km
How tall	The tall	How tall is this tree? 3 metres
How long	The length	How long is this road? 50 kilometres

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Choose the correct form of the verb and underline the best answer. Look again at the 'Grammar Recall' box on page 5 of your Coursebook, then decide which usage best matches each sentence, and write the correct letter in the box at the end of the sentence.

- 1 What book are you reading / do you read at the moment?
- 2 She is e-mailing / e-mails her mother at nine this evening.
- 3 He is writing / writes a blog every day.
- 4 They do not text / are not texting me any more.
- 5 My grandparents do not understand / are not understanding the Internet because they are too old!
- 6 He is downloading / downloads some new music right now.
- 7 I am getting / get a mobile phone for my birthday.
- 8 Are you listening / Do you listen to what I'm saying?

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Choose the correct form of the verb in these sentences.

- a You **live/are living**, in Sur, don't you? **b**
- b No thanks, I **don't eat/I'm not eating** chocolate. **a**
- c I **am playing/play** volleyball every Thursday. **a**
- d I **am looking/look** for someone with a blue car. **d**
- e What **are/do** oryxes **eating/eat**? **a**
- f Aqeel **is studying/studies** in Nizwa at the moment. **d/e**
- g **Are/Do** you **doing/do** anything on Wednesday evening? **f**