

## The Present Simple or Continuous Exercise

A Put the tense uses and clue words into the right columns.

Uses	
plans for the near future	something happening now
mental processes*	routine

Clue Words	
every day	now
never	tomorrow

Present Simple
Uses
1 facts
2 .....
3 .....
Clue words
.....
.....

Present Continuous
Uses
4 .....
5 .....
Clue words
.....
.....

B Number the uses (1-5) and use the verbs in brackets to fill the gaps.

**USE**

- 1  Don't bother me now. I ..... (work)
- 2  Bob never ..... during the week. (go out)
- 3  BILLY Where's Jim?  
SALLY He ..... with friends. (stay)
- 4  SALLY What ..... this afternoon? (do)  
BILLY Nothing.
- 5  BILLY I've won the lottery!  
SALLY I ..... you. (not believe)
- 6  This year I ..... French and German. (study)
- 7  We ..... to Manchester tomorrow. (go)
- 8  Look out of the window. It ..... (rain)
- 9  It never ..... in Valencia. (rain)
- 10  BILLY Hi. Is Alison there?  
MUM Yes, but can you ring back in 10 minutes? She ..... a shower. (have)
- 11  He ..... swimming every day. (go)
- 12  Right now I ..... to music and surfing the Net. (listen)
- 13  She ..... to play chess now. (want)

\* Mental processes or stative verbs do NOT involve action. They are about using information in your brain. They are not usually used in continuous tenses, except to sell hamburgers. Translate the following stative verbs:-

Stative verb	<i>translation</i>	Stative verb	<i>translation</i>	Stative verb	<i>translation</i>
believe	.....	know	.....	understand	.....
forget	.....	remember	.....	want	.....





## Answers

### A

Present Simple	Present Continuous
Uses	Uses
1 facts	4 plans for the near future
2 mental processes	5 something happening now
3 routine	<b>Clue words</b>
<b>Clue words</b>	now
every day	tomorrow
never	

### B

USE		
1	5	Don't bother me now. I am working.
2	1/3	Bob never goes out during the week.
3	5	BILLY       Where's Jim?
		SALLY       He is staying with friends.
4	4	SALLY       What are you doing this afternoon?
		BILLY       Nothing.
5	2	BILLY       I've won the lottery!
		SALLY       I don't believe you.
6	5	This year I am studying French and German.
7	4	We are going to Manchester tomorrow.
8	5	Look out of the window .It is raining.
9	1	It never rains in Valencia.
10	5	BILLY       Hi. Is Alison there?
		MUM         Yes, but can you ring back in 10 minutes? She is having a shower.
11	2	He goes swimming every day.
12	5	Right now I am listening to music and surfing the Net.
13	2	She wants to play chess now.

