

# UNIT 9 Present Simple

## Non Continuous Verbs

Some verbs do not have continuous tenses (e.g. present continuous). These include:

believe, belong, forget, hate, hear, know, like, love, need, remember, smell, see, think, understand, want, etc.

e.g. I need a pencil. (NOT: ~~I'm needing a pencil.~~)

The verb *have (got)* is not used in continuous tenses when it means *possess*.

e.g. I've got a pet. (NOT: ~~I'm having a pet.~~)

However, we can use *have* in continuous tenses with the following expressions: *have breakfast/lunch/dinner (=eat breakfast/lunch/dinner)*, *have a bath/shower (=be in the bath/shower)*, *have a party (=give a party)*, *have fun (=enjoy oneself)*, *have a good/nice/bad time (=enjoy or not enjoy oneself)*, etc.

e.g. He has lunch at two o'clock every day. (present simple)

He's having lunch now. (present continuous)

She has a bath every morning. (present simple)

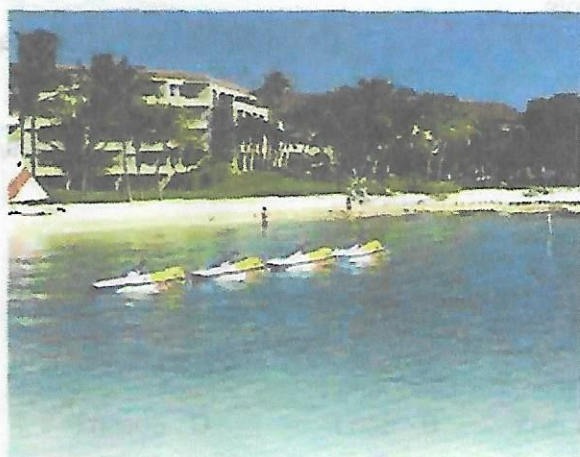
She's having a bath at the moment. (present continuous)

### 12 Put the verbs into the present continuous or the present simple.

- "Where's Sally?" "She ...*is speaking*... (speak) to Paul."
- What time ..... (you/go) to school?
- "Steve is in the bathroom." "..... (he/have) a shower?"
- That villa ..... (belong) to a rich businessman.
- She ..... (like) listening to music. She ..... (have) a lot of cassettes.
- You can turn off the television. I ..... (not/watch) it.
- I have a motorbike but I ..... (not/usually/ride) it to work.
- ..... (you/want) to come to Julie's party with me?
- Please be quiet. I ..... (try) to do my homework.

- Drive carefully. It ..... (rain).
- He ..... (need) to buy a new pair of shoes.
- Sarah never ..... (forget) people's names.

### 13 Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or continuous.



Dear Donna,

I 1) ...*'m writing*... (write) to you from the Golden Beach Hotel. I am here with Sandy and Pat. The hotel 2) ..... (belong) to Pat's uncle and she 3) ..... (spend) every summer here.

The place is very nice and I 4) ..... (think) all the people at the hotel 5) ..... (have) a nice time. We 6) ..... (swim) and 7) ..... (go) windsurfing every morning. At noon we 8) ..... (have) lunch and in the evening we 9) ..... (go) for walks.

Today it 10) ..... (rain) so we can't go out. I 11) ..... (hate) this weather! At the moment Sandy and Pat 12) ..... (have) lunch. They 13) ..... (eat) fish today and it 14) ..... (smell) very good.

15) ..... (you/have) a good time at home? Write soon and tell me all your news.

Love,  
Jessy