

## The Present Simple or Continuous Exercise

**A** Put the tense **uses** and **clue words** into the right columns in alphabetical order.

Uses	
facts	routine and habits
plans for the near future	something happening now

Clue Words	
every day	now
never	tomorrow

Present Simple
<b>Uses</b>
1 .....
2 .....
<b>Clue words</b>
.....
.....

Present Continuous
<b>Uses</b>
3 .....
4 .....
<b>Clue words</b>
.....
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**B** Number the uses (1-4) and use the verbs in brackets to fill the gaps.

**USE**

- 1  I can't go shopping 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  Rhinos ..... in Africa, India and Indonesia. (live)
- 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. (snow)
- 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)

**C** Now you write some sentences in the present simple and present continuous.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....



**Answers**

**A**

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

**B**

- USE**
- 1 4 I can't go shopping now. I am working.
  - 2 1/2 Bob never goes out during the week.
  - 3 4 BILLY Where's Jim?  
SALLY He is staying with friends.
  - 4 3 SALLY What are you doing this afternoon?  
BILLY Nothing.
  - 5 1 Rhinos live in Africa, India and Indonesia.
  - 6 4 This year I am studying French and German.
  - 7 3 We are going to Manchester tomorrow.
  - 8 4 Look out of the window .It is raining.
  - 9 1 It never snows in Valencia.
  - 10 4 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 4 Right now I am listening to music and surfing the Net.

