The Present Simple or Continuous Exercise

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

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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

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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?
4 3 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.