

Activity Type

Grammar, Writing and Speaking Activity: writing, asking and answering questions, freer practice (pair work)

Focus

Present simple and present continuous

Aim

To write present simple and present continuous questions on various topics and then to ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each pair of students and cut as indicated. Keep the cards in order.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this present simple vs. present continuous activity, students write questions on various topics using both tenses and then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a set of topic cards.

First, in their pairs, students look at the prompts on each card and write one question in the present simple and one in the present continuous.

When the students have finished, go through the questions with the class.

Answer key

1. How often do you watch TV?
2. What TV shows are you watching now?
3. What do you do in your free time?
4. What are you doing after class?
5. Who do you live with?
6. Where are you living at the moment?
7. What sports do you like to play?
8. Are you playing any sports this week?
9. How often do you study English?
10. Are you studying anything else at the moment?
11. Do you usually feel happy?
12. How are you feeling today?
13. What do you usually wear to a party?
14. What are you wearing now?
15. What do you usually do with your friends?
16. Are you meeting any friends today?
17. Where do you like to go at the weekend?
18. Where are you going this weekend?
19. What do you spend most of your money on?
20. Are you saving money at the moment?

Students then take turns asking and answering the questions with their partner. Encourage the students to give as much information as they can when answering questions.

Afterwards, students share what they found out about their partner with the class. Any interesting findings can then be discussed in more detail.



1. How often / you / watch TV?	11. you / usually feel happy?
2. What TV shows / you / watch / now?	12. How / you / feel / today?
3. What / you / do in your free time?	13. What / you / usually wear to a party?
4. What / you / do / after class?	14. What / you / wear / now?
5. Who / you / live with?	15. What / you / usually do with your friends?
6. Where / you / live / at the moment?	16. you / meet / any friends today?
7. What sports / you / like to play?	17. Where / you / like to go at the weekend?
8. you / play / any sports this week?	18. Where / you / go / this weekend?
9. How often / you / study English?	19. What / you / spend most of your money on?
10. you / study / anything else at the moment?	20. you / save / money at the moment?