

# Build up to B2

## Present simple vs present continuous

### 1 ★ MATCH the sentence halves.

- 1  The lecture is taking place
- 2  Liam plays the bass guitar in a band
- 3  The tennis players are waiting
- 4  Christie likes the idea
- 5  The sports centre closes

- A for a month during the summer holidays.  
 B for the tournament to start.  
 C every Saturday afternoon.  
 D in the auditorium.  
 E of going cycling on Sunday mornings.

### 2 ★ ★ COMPLETE the sentences with the present simple or the present continuous of the verbs below.

begin • move • like • look • live • start •  
 not attend • focus • warm up • spend •  
 not try • learn

- 1 My husband ..... being physically active and ..... his free time playing team sports.
- 2 'What ..... (you) for, George?' 'For my phone charger.' 'Why ..... (you) your backpack?'
- 3 '..... (they) in the town centre?' 'Yes, but they ..... to the countryside next month.'
- 4 When you practise a hobby, your mind ..... on something pleasant.
- 5 The students ..... lessons this week as it's mid-term holiday.
- 6 The match ..... at 2 o'clock but the players ..... (already).
- 7 As they grow, children ..... to discover what they like doing. At the moment, my little brother ..... to ride a horse.



### 3 ★ ★ WRITE questions for these answers.

- 1 .....  
They have photography lessons **at the weekend**.
- 2 .....  
I'm thinking about **the arrangements for my birthday party**.
- 3 .....  
After lunch we're seeing our classmates **to revise for tomorrow's test**.
- 4 .....  
We're staying in Venice **for five days**.
- 5 .....  
Harry speaks **three** foreign languages.
- 6 .....  
**Yes**, she usually makes scented candles in her free time.



### 4 ★ ★ ★ CHOOSE the correct alternative.

Summer is the time when we all **1 start / are starting** to look for new hobbies. Some people **2 practise / are practising** extreme ironing while others **3 collect / are collecting** coins. A few people start hobbies we never knew existed as they **4 think / are thinking** outside the box.



My father **5 does / is doing** tree shaping at the moment. I think it's a very cool and artistic hobby because he **6 turns / is turning** living trees and bushes into beautiful shapes or even useful structures – for example, now he **7 grows / is growing** his own chair and he **8 always talks / is always talking** about it!

**9 Do you have / Are you having** a toy that's in need of a holiday? A friend of mine **10 creates / is creating** a travel log and profile for her travelling toy! It also **11 includes / is including** advice for the potential hosts about what her toy **12 wants / is wanting** to do while visiting.



## Past simple vs past continuous

### 5 ★ CHOOSE the correct alternative.

- 1 The ship *sailed / was sailing* along the river when it *reached / was reaching* a picturesque port.
- 2 Some teens *were playing / played* air hockey while their parents *relaxed / were relaxing* in the club.
- 3 Liam *picked / was picking* a filter and *edited / was editing* his photo. Then he *posted / was posting* it.
- 4 When the film *finished / was finishing*, we *went / were going* out for a pizza.
- 5 Where *did you drive / were you driving* when that terrible accident *happened / was happening* just in front of you?

**6** ★ ★ **WRITE** questions using the prompts below, then answer them. If you don't remember the answers, go back to the text on p. 6 in the Student's Book.

- 1 What / happen / to Frank Epperson / during a freezing winter evening / in 1905?  
.....
- 2 How long ago / he / patent / his invention?  
.....
- 3 Where / trapeze artists / bounce / when George Nissen / see / them?  
.....
- 4 What school / Louis Braille / attend / when / he / start / to experiment / with different ways of reading?  
.....
- 5 What / he / do / when / he / be / only 15?  
.....
- 6 What / Chester Greenwood / do / while / he / ice skate / one day / and / suffer / from frozen ears?  
.....
- 7 What / he / ask / his grandmother?  
.....

**7** ★ ★ **WRITE** questions using the words in brackets and the same tense as the sentences above.

- 1 Joe was eating an ice-cream when Charles phoned him. What .....? (Joe's sister / do)
- 2 Lucy made focaccia bread and Steven made salad. Who .....? (the dessert)
- 3 K-pop sensation BTS sang *Dynamite* at the concert. What other .....? (sing)
- 4 I was relaxing under a tree in the open air. Who .....? (lie / with you)
- 5 Paul arrived at the station at 4 o'clock. When .....? (Adam)
- 6 The Scotts were doing some gardening an hour ago. What .....? (two hours ago)

**8** ★ ★ **COMPLETE** the sentences with the past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I ..... (not answer) your call because I ..... (study) with a friend of mine.
- 2 'What ..... (you / do) last night between 8 and 9?' 'I ..... (plan) a paintball party.'
- 3 This morning I ..... (get up) early and ..... (make) breakfast for everybody.
- 4 He ..... (drive) too fast when the police ..... (stop) him.
- 5 Christie ..... (smile) when she ..... (see) us.
- 6 The students ..... (not revise) when the teacher ..... (enter) the classroom.
- 7 Mr Davies ..... (not call) me at 4 as arranged because he ..... (talk) to his boss.
- 8 Why ..... (you / bring) your umbrella? ..... (it / rain) when you left home?

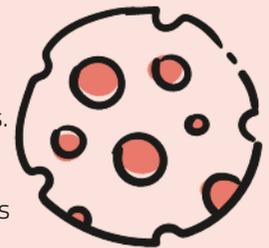
**9** ★ ★ ★ **MATCH** the sentences and complete them with the past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1  While Benjamin Franklin, 11, ..... (use) hard paddles attached to his hands,
  - 2  Alexander Fleming ..... (work) on a bacterium that ..... (cause) a sore throat when
  - 3  Albert Sadacca ..... (be) only a teenager when
  - 4  While Ralph Samuelson ..... (soften) the ends of strips of wood and ..... (bend) them up,
  - 5  Bill Bowerman's wife ..... (make) waffles when
- A he ..... (have) the idea of waffle-sole running shoes for his athletes.
- B he ..... (suggest) that his family lighting company offered brightly coloured strands of Christmas lights to the public.
- C he ..... (build) his first water skis.
- D he ..... (realise) he could swim faster.
- E he ..... (discover) penicillin.

**10** ★ ★ ★ **COMPLETE** the texts with the past simple or past continuous of the verbs in brackets. Which food was invented by accident and which out of anger?

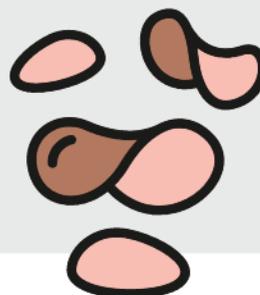
## Chocolate chip cookies

Ruth Wakefield <sup>1</sup> ..... (try) to make regular chocolate cookies. While she <sup>2</sup> ..... (mix) a certain amount of the ingredients, she <sup>3</sup> ..... (find out) there was no cocoa powder left. So she <sup>4</sup> ..... (break) a bar of chocolate into small pieces and <sup>5</sup> ..... (add) them to the cookie dough. She expected the chocolate to melt but the little bits <sup>6</sup> ..... (remain) chunky as they baked.



## Potato chips

One day a man <sup>1</sup> ..... (dine) in a restaurant in Saratoga Springs, New York. He <sup>2</sup> ..... (send back) his plate of potatoes several times and <sup>3</sup> ..... (keep) asking for potatoes that were more fried and thinner. The chef, George Crum, <sup>4</sup> ..... (lose) his temper. While he <sup>5</sup> ..... (slice) potatoes very thinly, he <sup>6</sup> ..... (have) the idea of frying them until they were as hard as rock. To the chef's surprise, the customer <sup>7</sup> ..... (love) them and <sup>8</sup> ..... (want) more.



## Future tenses

### 11 ★ MATCH the sentence halves.

- 1  Look at the sky,
- 2  The Browns have sold their house
- 3  What time
- 4  I'm seeing the dentist at 10
- 5  What are you going to do
- 6  If you don't want to clear up all that mess by yourself,

- A as they're going to move to a larger one.  
 B to have a tooth taken out.  
 C I'll help you!  
 D when you finish school?  
 E does the plane land?  
 F it's going to snow!

### 12 ★ CHOOSE the correct alternative.

- 1 Brian loves cycling. He ..... an e-bike very soon.  
 A 's going to buy  
 B 'll buy  
 C buys
- 2 Here's the ticket. You ..... from Victoria station at 11.30 tomorrow morning.  
 A 'll leave  
 B 're leaving  
 C 're going to leave
- 3 'What ..... this afternoon?'  
 'We ..... up with our schoolmates to work on a project.'  
 A do you do / meet  
 B are you doing / 're meeting  
 C will you do / 'll meet
- 4 He's been busy recently, but I think he ..... more time in a few weeks' time.  
 A 's going to have  
 B 's having  
 C 'll have
- 5 Look at that glass bottle! It's unstable, it .....  
 A 's going to fall  
 B falls  
 C 'll fall
- 6 Are you hungry? I ..... some sandwiches.  
 A 'll make  
 B 'm going to make  
 C make
- 7 I ..... dinner for our guests tonight, whether you like it or not!  
 A 'm going to prepare  
 B 'm preparing  
 C 'll prepare
- 8 Someone is knocking at the door. I ..... who it is.  
 A 'm seeing  
 B 'm going to see  
 C 'll see

### 13 ★ ★ COMPLETE the sentences with the correct future form of the verbs in brackets.



- 1 The next cruise ship to Spain ..... (not depart) at 9.30 but in the early afternoon.
- 2 Paul and Sarah ..... (fly) to South Africa on Sunday. They ..... (definitely / do) a safari while they're there.
- 3 We ..... (celebrate) our son's graduation at a fashionable restaurant tonight.
- 4 Wait! I ..... (open) the car door for you.
- 5 ..... (their niece / have) a baby in January?
- 6 Look at Abby, she's so pale – she ..... (faint)!
- 7 'What ..... (we / do) with your old school books?'  
 'Just leave them where they are, thank you.'
- 8 The Ripleys ..... (fly) to Manchester next Thursday afternoon at 4.15.
- 9 I ..... (stay) with my dear friend Ali in Sydney next summer. I can't wait to see him!
- 10 My horoscope says that I ..... (meet) a celeb!

### 14 ★ ★ CORRECT the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 We choose the colour before we'll start decorating the room.  
 .....
- 2 Another guided tour of the Globe Theatre is beginning at 8.30 p.m.  
 .....
- 3 I've decided: I'm eating more vegetables from tomorrow.  
 .....
- 4 Where do you buy your new mobile phone? Why don't you try the new shopping centre?  
 .....
- 5 Watch out! The milk will boil over!  
 .....
- 6 'Do you go to the seaside on Saturday?' 'No, I stay at home and binge-watch my favourite series.'  
 .....
- 7 Chris is phoning me as soon as he'll get the tickets for the concert.  
 .....
- 8 I promise I'm going to do the household chores next week.  
 .....
- 9 Wait! I'm driving you to the station.  
 .....
- 10 Kate is probably being tired after the drawing lesson.  
 .....

**15** ★★★ **CHOOSE** the correct alternative.



What 1 ..... the future ..... like? On New Year's Eve I always make a series of resolutions. All those things you meant to do in the year that has just finished and all the things you hope you 2 ..... in the year to come. It's interesting to speculate on what 3 ..... during the year. 4 ..... surprises? 5 ..... any stimulating new people? 6 ..... well at school?

This time I've decided: I 7 ..... a list and am thinking hard about what I want to happen and what I want to achieve. All the usual resolutions like: I promise I 8 ..... harder, be patient with my brother, be kind to friends and relatives. 9 ..... succeed? Who knows, but at least I 10 .....

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|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 A shall ... be  | B will ... be    | C is ... going to  | D is ... being        |
| 2 A 'll achieve   | B 're achieving  | C achieve          | D is going to achieve |
| 3 A happens       | B happen         | C will happen      | D is happening        |
| 4 A Are there     | B Will there be  | C Is there         | D Are there being     |
| 5 A Will you meet | B Would you meet | C Do you meet      | D Are you meeting     |
| 6 A Won't you do  | B Will you do    | C Are you doing    | D Do you do           |
| 7 A make          | B 'll make       | C 'm going to make | D 'm making           |
| 8 A 'm studying   | B study          | C 'll study        | D is going to study   |
| 9 A Will I        | B Shall I        | C Won't I          | D Am I not going to   |
| 10 A try          | B 'm trying      | C shall try        | D 'm going to try     |

**17** ★★★ **WRITE** a paragraph about your arrangements for this evening and your intentions for the rest of the school year.

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**Zero and first conditional**

**18** ★ **CHOOSE** the correct alternative.



- 1 If you *eat* / 'll *eat* too many sweets, you *have* / 'll *have* stomach ache.
- 2 If you *practise* / 'll *practise* a sport in this heat, you *have* / 'll *have* to drink lots of water.
- 3 If you *drop* / 'll *drop* glass on a concrete floor, it *breaks* / 'll *break*.
- 4 They *don't go* / *won't go* to the art exhibition if they *don't receive* / *won't receive* the tickets in time.
- 5 She *arrives* / 'll *arrive* late at the meeting if her train *is* / *will be* delayed.
- 6 If he *likes* / 'll *like* the house, *does* / *will* he buy it?

**19** ★★ **COMPLETE** the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

not have • get • do • eat • not start • hang

- 1 The sea level will rise if the planet ..... hotter.
- 2 When you finish your homework, ..... (you) out with your friends?
- 3 If they ..... all this cake, they'll feel sick.
- 4 If it's sunny this weekend, what ..... (you)?
- 5 A car ..... if there's no petrol in the engine.
- 6 If I eat all my sandwiches at break, I ..... anything for lunch.

**16** ★★★ **COMPLETE** the WhatsApp chat with the correct future tense of the verbs in brackets.

**Harry:** I 1 ..... (go) to the disco 2 night. 2 ..... (you / come)?

**Leo:** Yeah! I'm sure it 3 ..... (be) fun.

**Julia:** I'm afraid, I can't. I 4 ..... (visit) my relatives in Winchester.

**Leo:** That's a shame! Who 5 ..... (dance) with me, then??

**Harry:** I'm not 'cause I'm a terrible dancer. Oh Julia, if you don't come, we 6 ..... (end up) just sitting and getting bored!



**Julia:** Don't worry, I'm sure Amy 7 ..... (join) you if you ask her! If not, you 8 ..... (get) something from the Chinese take-away and spend the evening together anyway.

**Harry:** I 9 ..... (not eat) any Chinese food!

**Julia:** Sorry guys, got to go now. My train to Winchester 10 ..... (leave) in half an hour. Enjoy the disco!



**20** ★ ★ **WRITE** the correct form of the verbs in brackets to make zero or first conditional sentences.



- 1 When my sister ..... (cook), she ..... (burn) the food.
- 2 If you ..... (look) in the fridge, you ..... (find) some juice.
- 3 If they ..... (not study), they ..... (not pass) the test.
- 4 ..... (bake) that delicious chocolate cake if you ..... (want) to impress your girlfriend!
- 5 If you ..... (eat) a lot of sweets and treats, it ..... (be) hard to lose weight.
- 6 I ..... (not spend) this weekend in the mountains if the weather ..... (not be) fine.
- 7 He ..... (not cook) dinner if you ..... (not go) to the supermarket.
- 8 ..... (you / help) me if I ..... (need) some advice?

**21** ★ ★ **CORRECT** the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 If you'll put on the kettle, I'll make some tea.  
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- 2 When it doesn't rain for a long time, the earth will get very dry.  
.....
- 3 It's nice to cook with your family at weekends if you won't eat together at home every day.  
.....
- 4 Will you get water if you just mix hydrogen and oxygen together?  
.....
- 5 If I'll see Tom, I'll give him your message.  
.....
- 6 Where do you play if the tennis court will be occupied?  
.....
- 7 If we're late for the class again, our teacher gets angry.  
.....
- 8 Will they be out of the competition if they won't win today?  
.....

**22** ★ ★ ★ **COMPLETE** the sentences so that they are true for you. Use zero or first conditional.

1 I'll buy a new video game when  
.....  
.....

2 If you don't eat enough fruit and vegetables,  
.....  
.....

3 When I'm 18 years old,  
.....  
.....

4 If you want to keep fit,  
.....  
.....

5 I always lose my temper when  
.....  
.....

### Modals of possibility and advice

**23** ★ **MATCH** the sentence halves.

- 1  I would like to go to Japan
- 2  If you have disagreements with your parents,
- 3  I truly believe we shouldn't study in the holidays
- 4  My mum could sometimes look like a film star
- 5  It can sometimes be difficult to talk
- 6  They may win the championships

- A as we should have a complete break.
- B about personal problems.
- C if they continue to play like this.
- D but it might never happen.
- E when she was in her Twenties.
- F you should discuss the issues with them calmly.

**24** ★ **CHOOSE** the correct alternative.

**Martin has cut his hand in a science lesson.**

- 1 His teacher thinks he *should / may* go to the school nurse.
- 2 His friends say it *can / couldn't* be his fault because he did nothing wrong.
- 3 Martin's best mate says he *can / should* go home.
- 4 The school nurse says he *shouldn't / should* try to use his hand because that *might / should* hurt.
- 5 The head teacher says Martin *couldn't / should* rest until the doctor comes.



