

9.2C The simple present and the present progressive tenses in typical contexts [> LEG 9.12]

Write: a Use the correct present tense form.
b Say what the context for each extract could be, written and/or spoken.

- Let me explain what you have to do. First you (take) *take* the photos and (sort) *sort* them into categories. Then you (file) *file* them according to subject.
- We (hope) you (enjoy) this marvellous weather as much as we are. We (sunbathe) and (go) swimming every day. Next week we (go) snorkelling.
- The play is set in London in 1890. The action (take) place in Sir Don Wyatt's mansion. When the curtain (go) up, the hero and heroine (sit) in the lounge. They (argue)
- The house is in a mess because we've got the workmen in. The plumber (put) in a new bath, the electricians (rewire) the system, and the carpenter (build) us some new bookshelves!
- Dear Jane,
Sorry to hear about your problem at work
I (think) you (do) the right thing, but I (doubt) whether your boss really (know) his job from what you (tell) me!
- Pym (pass) to Smith, who (run) straight at the central defence and (shoot) and Gomez (push) it over the bar for a corner.

9.2D Context

Write: Put in the simple present or present progressive. Note where both forms are possible.



The strangest bookmarks!

A HOLIDAY JOB WITH A DIFFERENCE!

I (study)¹ *am studying* English at Exeter University. I'm on holiday at the moment and I (work)² in a public library. I'm lucky to have this job. I (not have to)³ get up early. The library (open)⁴ at 10 and (close)⁵ at 7. It's interesting work because people (always come in)⁶ and (ask)⁷ me to help them, so I (learn)⁸ a lot about different subjects. I (enjoy)⁹ the job and (find)¹⁰ it very amusing, too. People (use)¹¹ the strangest things as bookmarks. I have found a rasher of bacon (uncooked!) Matchsticks (be)¹² common and so (be)¹³ bus tickets. My colleagues (always find)¹⁴ things too – even a £10 note, but I haven't been so lucky! I often (think)¹⁵ of the photo of a beautiful woman which I found. On the back were the words: 'I (love)¹⁶ you. I (miss)¹⁷ you and I'll never forget you.'